

**IN THE TRADITIONAL RIGHTS COURT
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

Lininmeto Laiot,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
)
Kiton Laibwij, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
_____)

Civil Action No. 1996-161

LEMNAK IN UWAK

Appearances:

For the Plaintiff: David M. Strauss, Attorney at Law
For the Defendants: Manase Talofou, Office of the Public Defender

Clerk: Lee W. Silk
Reporter: Sepe Joash

High Court Civil No. 1996-161 ar komon ronjake eo an iman Traditional Rights Court eo ilo August 18 non September 6, 2004, ilo Majuro Courthouse eo, Uliga, Majuro Atoll, Republic eo an Marshall Islands. Ro uwan Panel eo ar Honorable Billiet Edmond, Associate Judge, Honorable Botlang Loeak, Associate Judge Pro temp and Honorable Berson Joseph, Acting Chief Judge eo an Traditional Rights Court. Case in ar itok non Traditional Rights Court eo non etale ekkar non manit abnono eo ikotan party kein, "Won eo ejimwe im ekkar non manit bwe en kabjer maron ko jimor an alab im dri-gerbal ilo Mwetejek Wetu, Laura, Majuro Atoll?" Court in an manit ej kile bwe juon in case clab an emon im jemaron bok elab katak jene. Kin menin, Court in ej kile ke manit elab an aurok im lab ijo kunan non bukot mejlan abnono eo bedbed wot iumin manit.

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MANIT EO: KATLEB.

Katleb ej tellokin wot iroj komone. Jekdron won kwe, bwij eo am, ak elane iroj ro rej lo emon ko kwoj komoni, inem ej katlebe yuk ilo juon bwirej eo EKAR JAB AM. Jet ien ewor an alab eo maron katleb bareinwot, botab ilo wot weppen eo jen iroj. Alab eo, ijowotke, ejab maron katlebe ro ilo bwij ak bamle eo an. Jej komone wawein in wot non ro rej jab nukud.

UWAK EO NON ABNONO IN:

A. **Kajitok eo einwot kar jakemantak:** Who is the proper person to hold the alab title on Mwetejek Weto?

B. **Lemnak in Uwak eo non Kajitok eo:** Aneja Laibwij.

C. **Melele ko ilo tu-kadu ikijien un ko im Lemnak in Uwak eo ej bedbed ioer:** Elane emol ke Litakbwij, kora eo iben Iroj Jebdrik Lokotwerak, ar kokkajririk Bilimon Bowod, inem ejab juon wawein eo ejimwe bwe en kar katleb ladrik eo nejin ilo Mwetejek Weto. Ekkar non iminene im jela ko ad kin mantin katleb, jej jab katlebe ro ilo nukun ko ad. Ilo menmenbwij eo an defendant ro ej kalikar ke Bilimon Bowod im aoleb ro jatin, ekoba Lininmeto Laiot, rej dri-jolet ion Mwetejek Weto laltak jen Lujoj Jorbele, lellab eo jibwier. Bilimon Bowod ekar baj armij in Mwetejek Weto wot. Ilo mol eo, ej juon ian kar alab ro aer bwirej in. Jej jab lukkun jela Litakbwij ar jela ke Mwetejek ar baj imon wot Bilimon im ro jatin mokta jen an kar ajelok none. Elane jab, inem ijo BWIR ar ijino jene in. Mwetejek Weto eoktaklok jen weto ko jet kar an Bilimon ilo Eneko Island.

Konono ko ilo case in rej bareinwot kalikar ke Bilimon Bowod ar komone juon an kalimur non Lininmeto Laiot. (Lale Plaintiff's Exhibit A). Lininmeto Laiot ear LUKKUN armij in Mwetejek Weto. Ejelok oktak jen ro jet jatin Bilimon Bowod im rej aoleb dri-jolet ion weto in kenono kake. Kio etke ear iton koman kalimur none? Ejelok ad berre ke Lininmeto Laiot ej naj kar

alab wot ilo ien eo ejejjet iumin jimwe im maron eo an make, bwe taunin ke ej MOMON-JIN ak EKMOUJ JAB MELOKLOK KILENE EO AN. Ak elane ar wor un ko bwe en komon kalimur eo, Lininmeto im Bilimon wot rar jela khaki. Ejelok kamol ear itok non Court in non komeleleik menin.

Lininmeto Laiot make ear bar wor juon an kalimur, eo im ej Plaintiff's Exhibit B. Ej kalimur bwe ne enaj mij, inem Lawrence Kumtak enaj bok jikin im alab eo an Mwetejek Weto. Lawrence Kumtak ej ladrik eo nejin Helen Laiot, drikata eo ian aoleb ro nejin Lininmeto. Court in ebin an melele etoke ar komon wot an ladrik in jibun kalimur im jab komon an ro lukkun nejin. Etke? E wot ejela. Bar juon alen, ejelok komelele en ear itok non Court in. Ekkar non wawein kein, ej lemnak eo an Court in bwe kalimur eo an Lininmeto ej jab maron jermal non Mwetejek Weto. Etke? Ear jab jikin wot bwirej in. Bwirej in ear imon bwij none im ej aikuij bwe en kar wor weppen jen bwij eo an bwe en maron mour im wor kitien kalimur in an iumin manit.

KEIN KAMOL KO EMOJ KAR KADRELONI EINWOT KAMOL:

Jen Dri-abnono: 1. Plaintiff's Exhibit A - Kalimur eo an Bilimon Bowod;
2. Plaintiff's Exhibit B - Kalimur eo an Lininmeto Laiot;
3. Plaintiff's Exhibit C - Leta eo jenWagner Joash non Ammon Labija;
4. Plaintiff's Exhibit D - Leta eo an Johnsay Riklon;
5. Plaintiff's Exhibit E - Kalimur eo an Irojlablab Jebdrik Lokotwerak non Iroj Bidrak Litokwa Lajutok; im
6. Plaintiff's Exhibit D - Civil Action No. 2001-218 & Civil Action No. 2002-063.

Jen Dri-jumae abnono: 1. Defendant's Exhibit A - Kin Mwetejek Weto; and
2. Defendant's Exhibit B - Menmenbwij eo an Mwetejek Weto.

ETAN DRI-KAMOL RO IM JIKIN JOKWE KO AER:

An Dri-abnono: 1. Jormedrik Rilometo, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll;
2. Aknet Rilometo, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll; and
3. Jejori Inok, Rita Village, Majuro Atoll.

An Dri-jumae abnono: 1. Aneja Laibwij, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll;
2. Kiton Laibwij, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll;

3. Ennet David, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll;
4. Jorbele Motlok, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll; and
5. Telnan Lanki, Rairok Village, Majuro Atoll.

WAWEIN KO JET RAUROK KAR BAR LEMNAK KAKI:

1. Exhibit B eo an dri-jumae abnono. Ej menmenbwij eo an Mwetejek Weto. Elab an komleleik e make. Dri-jumae abnono ro ilo case in rej jebar jen jinier, Anne Eleja. Aoleb dri-kamol ro an dri-jumae abnono rar kamol ilo ejelok jumae ke kin wot kilan mij Anne Eleja ar jab bok title. Mekarta ak enaj kar alab eo mokta jen Lininmeto, bwij eo edrik. Kin menin, ilo ejelok berre, Court in an manit ej kile ke ejimwe im jejet bwe dri-jumae abnono ro ilo case in rej dri-jolete maron eo an alab ilo Mwetejek Weto.

2. Ilo ien eo Lininmeto ear mour wot im alab non Mwetejek Weto, dri-jumae abnono rein rar kauteje im yokwe, bwe taunin ke ej jineir eo edriklok jen lukun jineir. Ejelok aer kin problem iben.

3. Court in ej lo ke kalimur kein jimor an Bilimon Bowod im Lininmeto Laiot rejumae manit. Bilimon en kar jab koman an kalimur non Lininmeto kinke ewor ruo armij imanlok, Ammon im Anne, ro im rerittolok jene. Ammon im Anne rar mour wot ke Bilimon ar jeje kalimur in an non Lininmeto. Ak elane Bilimon ar baj bok wot tomak in ke Litakbwij ar ajelok Mwetejek none, ekwe, melokloke kinke weto in KAR BAJ imon wot Bilimon im ro jatin jen etto. MWIN EJ IMON BWIJ. Jouj im lale menmenbwij ne aer.

4. Jej bareinwot melele bwe weto in konono kake EJJAB EJELOK AN IROIJ. Ekar baj wor wot an iroj jen jinoin. (Lale Plaintiff's Exhibit E). Ej kalimur eo an Irojlablab Jebdrik Lokotwerak im Iroj Bidrak Litokwa Lajutok. Court in ebwe an melele won ro rej bok jikin Litokwa Lajutok rainin. Ak kajitok eo in, won eo ej bok jikin Irojlablab Jebdrik Lokotwerak rainin? Non uwak eo,

Court in enaj bojrak ijin im lelok non ro tellokier bwe ren bukot juon uwak eo enaj kanuij in emon im jokwin wot juon non iroj rein aer.

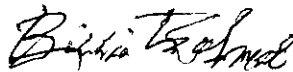
KIN MENIN, ilo ejelok jeb im aerme, enin ej lemnak eo an Court in bwe arnej eo ejimwe im jejjet ekkar non manit bwe jen kile einwot alab non Mwetejek Weto ej dri-jumae abnono eo ilo case in, Aneja Laibwij.

Bamle kein an Anne Eleja and Lininmeto Laiot rej juon wot im rej aikuij kautiej dron, lale dron im elabtata yokwe dron.

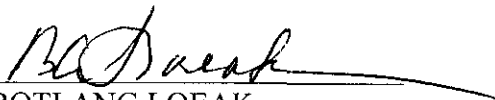
Dated: _____



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Acting Chief Judge, TRC
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