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IN THE TRADITIONAL RIGHTS COURT
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS

Aine Kelet, et al,)	Civil Action No. 1996-201
Plaintiff)	
Va)	<u>OPINION</u>
)	
Telnan Lanki and Peter Bien,)	
Defendants)	
_____)	

Traditional Rights Court ar jino ronjake case in, High Court Civil Action No. 1996-201 ilo March 23, 2004, im ar bojrak kin wot mij eo an Kelet, husband eo an Plaintiff Aine Kelet. Im ilo July 19 non August 6, 2004 ar bar koman ronjake ko kin case in ilo courthouse, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Ro uwaan Panel eo ar Associate Judge Billiet Edmond, Pro Tem Associate Judge Botlang Loeak, im Berson Joseph, Acting Chief Judge eo an Traditional Rights Court.

Case in ar itok non Traditional Rights Cour non etale ekkar non manit, abonono eo ikotan party kein, “won eo ejimwe im ekkar bwe en kabjer maron eo an Dri Jerbal ilo LOKEJBAR WETO, Majuro Atoll.” Court in ej kile bwe manit elab an aurok im lab ijo kunan non bukot mejlan abonono in bedbed wot iumin manit.

MANIT EO: MOMAN MARONRON

Ej juon in ad manit emon im jaikuij jela kilen kojerbale. Ej juon ian manit kein ad eo jet ien ejimwe kojerbale, ak jet ien, ejab jimwe. Jenaj etale kilen kojербal manit in (moman maronron) ilo komlele ko an case in tok ilol.

RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE:

A. Question No. 1 as presented: who is the right person to be the Dri Jerbal of Lokejbar

Weto?

a) Opinion in answer to the question: **Takju Jimi**

b) Brief statement of reasoning on which opinion in answer to the question is based:

Lokejbar Weto ej imon aje, ejab imon bwij! Ilo nan ko an Iroj Jeltan Lanki, ar kamol ke Namidrik are aje maron ko jimor an Alab im Dri Jerbal ilo weto in konono kake non kora eo iben, etan LIMOJ. Wewin im kilten ajej in an Namidrik ar weppen iben aolep Iroj ro air bwidrej in. LIMOJ, ar wor juon jeran kora in Ailuk, etan LIBARKI. Ear juon jera eo emon einwot konono kake. Kin menin, ilo weppen eo an Namidrik im Iroj Tel, Limoj ar lelok maron eo an Dri Jerbal ilo Lokejbar Weto non kora eo jeran, LIBARKI.

Ejja ilo nan ko wot an Iroj Jeltan Lanki, ar borainwot kamol ke kora rein rar koman airro jimor KLAIMUR. Limoj ar kalimur kin kokajriri eo nejin, Ajidrik Bien, im LIBARKI kin eo nejin, Takju Jimi. Bedbed wot iumin manit, aolep KALIMUR kein rej emon wot non rainin. Ejelok kajitok!

B. PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT NO. 7a = MENMENBWIJ

Ewor emen (4) nejin Libarki, jilu kora im juon eman. (Jojj im lale MENMENBWIJ IN AIR) Kajitok eo in – etke Libarki ar koman an kilimur kin Takju Jimi? Eokwe, Libarki wot ejela, botab Court in emaron aorromelok jidrik taunin. Elane Libarki ar jab koman an kalimur, inem Lokejbar Weto enaj kar EROM imon bwij. Plaintiff ro ewor air maron ion bwirej ko air ion Ailuk Atoll, ko rej air imon bwij makmake. Kora rein rejeramon kinke eor air jolet. Jen borainwot melele bwe ejab tellokin juon jinen koman MOMAN MARONRON. Ej tellokin wot kora ro jein juon eman ro ilo juon bamle ak bwij. Elon example ko emwij air koman im walok ilo jēt bamle ilo ejelok problem.

C. PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT No. 7 – LEASE AGREEMENT

Kin Lokejbar Weto: Lease in emon, ej self-explanation!

Ilo mol, elab an lon menin dri jermal ion juon bwirej. Botab point eo aurok ilo case in, ak jete aikuij in bok TITLE ilo juon ien. Ilo iminene ko ad iumin manit ej kemlet bwe juon wot, emaron title eo an Iroj, Alab im eo an borainwot Dri Jerbal. Eor ro rej in-line im rebojak in bok jikin ro renaj jako ilo kilan mij. Ejelok kajitok kake menin!

Court in ej borainwot kile bwe Defendant eo ilo case in ej IN-LINE non bok title eo an Alab. Court in eban im ejelok an maron jumae aolep karok ko ilo kalimur eo an Limoj.

D. PLAINTIFF'S WITNESSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Tobarlong Clarence | Laura Village |
| 2. Peter Bien (hostile witness) | Uliga Village |
| 3. Eonis Dribo | Delap Village |
| 4. Kate deBrum | Rita Village |

E. PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBITS 1-12:

Mekarta ne elon exhibit ak Court in ar bedbede opinion eo an kin wot jilu (3) exhibit ko:

1. Nan ko an Iroj Jeltan Lanki
2. Kalimur eo an Libarki, im
3. Land Lease Agreement eo

F. DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS:

1. Leroij Kalora's Kalimur
2. Receipt of Payment

G. DEFENDANT'S WITNESSES AND ADDRESSES:

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| 1. Kolej Kios | Laura Village |
| 2. Roselind Mathew | Delap Village |
| 3. Norman Matthew | Delap Village |
| 4. Telson Lanki | Rairok Village |

H. THE CASE: Ronjake eo an case in eletok melele kein:

1. Aine Kelet: Mene ear bok kunan ilo rakij Lokejbar Weto, im ritto tata jinen ian ro nejin Libarki, ak eban erom juon "dri jermal" in weto in konono kake. E ejab ajiri in kalimur.

2. Peter Bien: Ekkaar non kalimur eo an Limoj, Ajidrik Bien enaj ALAB im binej jenkwon. Roselind Mathew im ro jatin ekoba Peter Bien, eo ej dependant ilo case in renaj binej jenkwon Ajidrik Bien ilo Alab title.

3. Takju Jimi: Eor juon nejin ladrik, etan HACKNEY TAKJU. Ilo mol, Hackney Takju eor Plaintiff ilo High Court Civil Action No. 1996-201. Bedbed wot iumin manit, Hackney ej ajiri in kalimur.

Kin-menin, Court in ej kile bwe ekkar im jejit bwe DRI JERBAL eo an LOKEJBAR WETO rainin ej Hackney Takju.

NAN IN ADVICE: Eor an Iroj ro air bwirej in maron in BAR bok bwirej in jen yuk elane konaj makoko kake im lelok non bar juon. Kwon jela kautiej Iroj ro air bwirej in.

KWON JUON EO EJELA MANITI

Elane eor muri ikotan party kein, meloklok im komane juon ijino eo ekal.

Koman ilo Majuro ilo 8th ran in September 2004



Judge Berson Joseph
Acting Chief Judge, TRC



Judge Billiet Edmond
Associate Judge, TRC



Judge Botlang Loeak
Pro Tem Associate Judge, TRC