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REPUBLIC OF PALAU (ROP),)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
)
 CLIFTON SOALABLAI,)
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 Defendant.)
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CRIMINAL CASE NO. 19-066

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION

Appearances:

*Attorneys for ROP: Ms April Dawn Cripps
Special Prosecutor
Jacob Gordin
Assistant Special Prosecutor*
Attorney for Defendant: James Hanley, Chief Public Defender

Before Presiding Justice Oldiais Ngiraikelau

On June 5, 2019, the Republic of Palau charged Defendant with one count of Theft of Government Property in the 1st Degree in violation of 17 PNC § 2615(a), one count of Money Laundering in violation of 17 PNC § 3302, and one count of Misconduct in Public Office in violation of 17 PNC § 3918.

On July 2, 2019 the Court entered an order granting Defendant's motion to quash Count 3 of the information, *Misconduct in Public Office*. The matter proceeded to trial for the remaining counts on

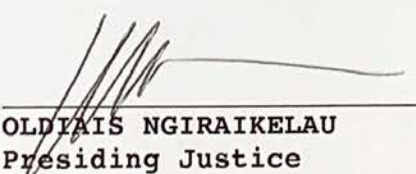
August 12, 2019, and this morning the parties presented their closing argument.

Based on the evidence presented at trial and for the reasons stated on the record, the Court finds the Defendant guilty of the remaining counts of *Theft of Government Property in the 1st Degree and Money Laundering*. The ROP proved beyond a reasonable doubt each of the material elements of both offenses.

In accordance with the parties' request, the Probation Office is ordered to prepare, file, and serve upon the Court and the parties a presentence investigation report by not later than *September 9, 2019*. The report should contain a discussion of the statutory factors that a court shall consider in imposing a sentence. See 17 PNC § 618. Any corrections or additions to the report shall be filed and served upon the Court and the parties on or before *September 11, 2019*.

Sentencing shall be held on **Thursday, September 12, 2019** at **8:30 a.m. in courtroom 101**.

SO ORDERED this 16th day of August, 2019.



OLDYAIS NGIRAIKELAU
Presiding Justice