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Former Ra High School Principal and Teacher Charged by FICAC

The Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) has jointly charged the former Principal of Ra High School and the Assistant Teacher of Agriculture in relation to alleged financial misconduct. The accused appeared before the Rakiraki Magistrates' Court this morning.

Sanmogan Naidu has been charged with two counts of **Obtaining a Financial Advantage**, and jointly charged with Semi Voresara Nabalarua, with an additional count of **Obtaining a Financial Advantage**.

It is alleged that between **1 July 2020 and 31 July 2020**, while serving as Principal of Ra High School, Mr. Naidu obtained a financial advantage of **\$4,000** by instructing the preparation of payment vouchers from the school's **Free Education Grant (FEG)** account, despite knowing he was not entitled to receive those funds.

It is also alleged that between **1 June 2019 and 31 October 2020**, Mr. Naidu and Mr. Nabalarua jointly obtained **\$12,484.25** by preparing payment vouchers and cashing cheques from the **Vocational Grant** account of Ra High School, knowing they were not entitled to receive the funds.

State Counsel **Ravinesh Lal** informed the Court that the first phase of disclosures has been served.

Resident Magistrate Timoci Qalinauci granted non-cash bail of \$500 each and imposed the following conditions: the accused must not re-offend while on bail, must not interfere with prosecution witnesses, and must not change their residential addresses without informing the Court.

The matter has been adjourned to 1 October 2025.

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