

## **The Financial Crimes Commission**

### **V**

#### **1. Rajendra Raggoo**

#### **2. Yogeshwarsing Pryam**

Mr Rajendra Raggoo and Mr Yogeshwarsing Pryam were both prosecuted for the offence of Bribery of Public Official in breach of sections 5(1) (b) & (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 2002. Both pleaded not guilty to the Information.

Mr Rajendra Raggoo and Mr Yogeshwarsing Pryam, both working in the business of security services, were accused of having unlawfully remitted to one Mr Derochoonee, a Police Inspector at the time of the offence, the sum of Rs 25,000, for him to refrain from effecting the arrest of the said Mr Rajendra Raggoo and Mr Yogeshwarsing Pryam as well as other persons involved, in relation to a case of assault with premeditation.

The Court heard evidence from both the Prosecution and Defence and found that the Mr Derochoonee clearly interfered in the normal process of the investigation following the remittance of the Rs 25,000. The Court found that the offence of bribery occurred as soon as the Accused parties gave gratification to Mr Derochoonee, a public official, to abstain from doing an act which is facilitated by his functions or duties.

The issue of duress was raised by the Accused parties and the court found that Mr Rajendra Raggoo and Mr Yogeshwarsing Pryam cannot benefit from the defence of duress since they were not in any imminent danger of being coerced out of their free will.

In light of statements given and circumstantial evidence, the Court found Mr Rajendra Raggoo and Mr Yogeshwarsing Pryam guilty as charged.

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