

47-YEAR-OLD MAN FROM

Buninga was recently sentenced to 4 years imprisonment, after he pleaded guilty to incest with his two stepdaughters.

The defendant was charged with two counts of incest, contrary to section 95 (1) (a) of the Penal Code Act.

Both victims were adopted by the defendant and his wife.

The first victim was 21 years old and second 25 years old.

The offending began around January 2017 when the defendant's wife came to Port Vila and left the two complainants with their father.

Around that time, the defendant committed the offence with the first victim.

The second incident on the second victim occurred between November 2016 and February 2017.

The first victim became pregnant and following his arrest, the defendant admitted to police that he had had sexual intercourse with the two victims on different occasions.

Justice Dudley Aru said committing incest is a serious offence that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years, but was recently increased by Parliament to 15 years to reflect the seriousness of the offence.

However, this case was



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brought before the court before the law changed.

Justice Aru said the offending is aggravated by the fact that there was breach of trust and the offending occurred at home where the victims were expected to be protected.

Instead, they were violated

and the first victim became pregnant.

Based on case of Public Prosecutor v. Bae case, the judge immediately adopted a custodial sentence at a starting point of 8 years imprisonment.

In his pre-sentence report it shows that the man completed his education in primary level

and was unable to continue because his family could not afford to pay his fees.

He now helps out with community activities in his village and was also an elder of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in his area.

He was willing to perform a custom reconciliation but has

not done so at the time of the judgment being given.

In mitigation, the court considered that the man was a first time offender, he entered an early guilty plea, and he had spent 11 weeks in custody which would be deducted.

A one-third sentence discount was given for an early

guilty plea, which reduced the sentence to 5 years and 3 months imprisonment.

One year was further deducted for being a first time offender and 3 months was deducted for time spent in custody, leaving an end sentence of 4 years to be served concurrently.

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# Writing a novel on postcards

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By Dan McGarry

**"IMAGINE WRITING A NOVEL,** but all you have to write on is postcards," says Vinton Cerf.

The Google Vice President already has, of course. He and colleague Bob Kahn invented the means of doing it back in the 1980s, when they developed the particular kind of postcard used to transfer nearly everything on the internet today.

On a grey and otherwise dismal holiday Wednesday, Mr. Cerf spent an hour with a few dozen new friends down at Port Vila's seafloor stage. He took the opportunity to explain his invention in a way that few can.

Bringing the space between techno-jargon and bland simplicity, Vint Cerf did what many others fail to do—he explained how his inventions, the Transmission Control Protocol and Internet Protocol, actually work.

When you want to send a long letter and all you've got is postcards to write on, he explained, you need to find a way to send all those bits of information so that they can be put back together on the other end. First, it's likely that the postcards will arrive out of order. Second, it's possible that some of them won't arrive at all. Third, the sender needs to know which ones arrived, and which ones didn't.

That's what TCP/IP does, he told a rapt audience. It chumps up really big files into a bunch of smaller packets that are easier to handle, and then allows the sender and receiver to know which packets made it, and what order they should be in.

The questions that followed his talk showed that he hadn't wasted his words. Eleven-year-old Evan Partridge is a student at the Ecole Française. He wanted to know Vint's opinion on whether technologists should be focusing on better data compression or faster bandwidth. Another wanted his views on the challenges faced by social media.

By the time the conversation was over, Vint talked had reached out into the solar system. He explained the unique challenges of communication over interplanetary distances, and how they'd managed to troubleshoot problems getting data from the Mars rovers back to earth.

Vint Cerf was in town to speak at the Asia Pacific regional Internet Governance Forum, which ran all week at the Iriki Island Resort. It was attended by over 400 people from the Middle East all the way to Japan and across the Pacific.

He has been a strong supporter of the Pacific islands internet community for over a decade. He has attended previous Pacific island conferences, and has contributed funding from Google, and even from his own pocket, to make them possible. Most of the people who attended the Seafloor event had only a very foggy idea of who exactly the man was, but if the press of fans crowding in for photographs was evidence of anything, he was a friend before the hour was up.



"Imagine writing a novel, but all you have to write on is postcards..." Vint Cerf explains TCP/IP to a rapt audience on Port Vila's Seafloor stage.



A few dozen bemused but interested passers-by had the privilege of meeting internet pioneer Vint Cerf when he held a public talk down at the Port Vila seafloor stage. He is in town to attend the Asia Pacific regional Internet Governance Forum.