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HIGH COURT JUDGMENT IN *PARTI LIYANI V PP*

The High Court released its judgment on *Parti Liyani v PP* on 4 September 2020. Justice Chan Seng Onn (“**Chan J**”) allowed the appeal against conviction and acquitted Ms Parti Liyani (“**the Appellant**”) of all four theft-related charges. He concluded that:

“In the above circumstances, I allow Parti’s appeal against all four charges against her. I first observe that in the present case, which involved a voluminous number of items, the proper handling of the evidence by the police and recording of the allegedly stolen items is crucial in order to preserve the chain of custody of the items. Coupled with the existence of an improper motive by members of the Liew family for mounting the allegations against Parti, I find that the convictions against Parti are unsafe and accordingly acquit her of all the charges.”

2 In arriving at his decision, one of Chan J’s findings was that there was reason to believe that the Liew family took the pre-emptive step to terminate the Appellant’s employment suddenly and without giving her sufficient time to pack, in the hope that she would not use the time to make a complaint to the Ministry of Manpower (“**MOM**”) about her illegal deployment to work for Karl Liew. Chan J further found that when the Appellant threatened to complain to MOM after her sudden termination, Liew Mun Leong and Karl Liew lodged the police report to prevent her return to Singapore to lodge a complaint with the MOM. Chan J also disbelieved the evidence of several members of the Liew family on various issues.

3 AGC will study the judgment to assess what further action, if any, ought to be taken in this case, in the light of Chan J’s comments. His findings do raise questions which warrant further investigations.

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