## IN THE COURT OF APEPAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALSIT REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA.

C.A 207/2017

In the matter of an appeal against an order of the High Court under Section 331 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act No: 15 of 1979.

Gnanaprakasam Gnanamuthu

Accused -Appellant.

Vs.

The Hon. Attorney General Attorney General's Department, Colombo 12.

Respondent.

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C.A HCC No: 207/2017

High Court of Matara 49/2015

BEFORE

HON. JUSTICE K. K. WICKREMASINGHE

HON. JUSTICE K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO.

COUNSEL

Indika Mallaarachchi for the Accused Appellants.

Riyaz Bary SSC for the Respondent.

**ARGUED &** 

DECIDED ON

24.01.2020.

## HON. JUSTICEK.K. WICKREMASINGHE,

Accused –Appellants is present in Court produced by the Prison Authorities.

Counsel appearing for the Accused –Appellant informs that she has gone through the appeal brief very carefully and there is no merit in this case to proceed the appeal to challenge the conviction. Therefore she wishes to withdraw the appeal against the conviction and further, she makes submissions to back date the sentence from the date of conviction and sentence.

Learned Senior State Counsel concedes the application made by the counsel for the accused –appellant. Therefore, the conviction is affirmed and the sentence of 16 years Rigorous Imprisonment imposed by the learned High Court Judge, to be implemented from the date of conviction namely, 06.07.2017. The balance sentence is to remain unchanged.

Registrar is directed to send a copy of this order to the Learned High Court Judge of Matara and the Prison Authorities.

Website Court of APPEAL.

Hon. Justice K. Priyantha Fernando.

I agree.

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JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL.