

Pācittiya #76: Falsely Accusing Another Monk of a Saṅghādisesa Offense

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, [some] group-of-six monks baselessly accused a monk of a Saṅghādisesa. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will baselessly accuse a monk of a Saṅghādisesa?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, baselessly accused a monk of a Saṅghādisesa?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will baselessly accuse a monk of a Saṅghādisesa? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training rule:

"If any monk baselessly accuses a monk of a Saṅghādisesa: a Pācittiya."

Any monk: ...

A monk: Another monk.

Baseless: Not seen, not heard, not suspected.

Saṅghādisesa: One of the thirteen.

Accuses: One reproves or causes to reprove: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as fully ordained, one baselessly accuses of a Saṅghādisesa: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt about a fully ordained person...: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as unordained...: a Pācittiya offense.

One accuses of flawed conduct or flawed perspective: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving an unordained person as fully ordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.

In doubt about an unordained person: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving an unordained person as unordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Non-offenses[s]: One reproves in line with what one perceives; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.