



SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE

MAHAWTHADER AI JUSTICE

PRESIDING

The State

Plaintiff

Case No. 9_044442

Filed: September 09, 2025

v.

U Myo

Defendant

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Verdict Date: September 09, 2025



CASE TITLE

The Silver Rupee Smuggler



SCENARIO

U Myo, an antiques and curios dealer, is stopped by customs officials at Yangon International Airport upon his return from a sourcing trip in Bangkok, Thailand. During a search of his luggage, officials discover a hidden compartment containing 200 silver-colored coins appearing to be valuable British Indian one-rupee coins from the colonial era. A preliminary test indicates the coins are not genuine silver. A subsequent forensic analysis confirms they are high-quality counterfeits made of a lead-tin alloy with silver plating. The prosecution alleges that U Myo, as an experienced dealer, knew the coins were counterfeit and intentionally imported them.



APPLICABLE LAW

- Import or export of counterfeit coin (Section 237)
- Import or export of counterfeit Myanmar coin (Section 238)
- Possession of counterfeit Myanmar coin by person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possessed thereof (Section 243)



COURT'S REASONING

- Given the following scenario: U Myo, an antiques and curios dealer, is stopped by customs officials at Yangon International Airport upon his return from a sourcing trip in Bangkok, Thailand. During a search of his luggage, officials discover a hidden compartment containing 200 silver-colored coins appearing to be valuable British Indian one-rupee coins from the colonial era. A preliminary test indicates the coins are not genuine silver. A subsequent forensic analysis confirms they are high-quality counterfeits made of a lead-tin alloy with silver plating. The prosecution alleges that U Myo, as an experienced dealer, knew the coins were counterfeit and intentionally imported them. And the following relevant laws: Import or export of counterfeit coin (Section 237) Import or export of counterfeit Myanmar coin (Section 238) Possession of counterfeit Myanmar coin by person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possessed thereof (Section 243) Evidence score: 0 Provide a structured legal analysis discussing:
 - Which legal elements are satisfied
 - Which defenses may apply
 - The likely outcome



DECISION

- Guilty under Import or export of counterfeit coin (Section 237): 1 years' imprisonment. Guilty under Import or export of counterfeit Myanmar coin (Section 238): 1 years' imprisonment. Guilty under Possession of counterfeit Myanmar coin by person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possessed thereof (Section 243): 1 years' imprisonment.



TOTAL IMPRISONMENT

3 years