

A1: I was taking to Musa. Plea of not guilty entered

A2: I was also taking it also to someone. Plea of not guilty entered.

Prosecution: I sent it for mention.

Court: Right of bail extended and accused right to be represented explained.

Reminded till 24/2/2021 for mention.

Sgd

Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

24/2/2021

Accused in court.

Winnie –state

Andrew: Counsel for accused.

Liz – court clerk.

Prosecution: No witness.

Court: Accused further remanded till 17/3/2021 for hearing.

Sgd

Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

12/3/2021

2 accused in court

Andrew: Counsel for accused.

Gladys: state

Liz – court clerk.

Sato: Interpreter.

Accused: Accused intend to change plea.

Charge read and explained to 2 accused in Swahili.

Accused pleads:

Count 1: A1: True. Plea of guilty entered.

A2: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Count 2: A1: True. Plea of guilty entered.

A2: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Count 3: A1: True. Plea of guilty entered.

A2: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Count 4: A1: True. Plea of guilty entered.

A2: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Court: Plea of guilty entered on all 4 counts.

Brief facts: On 2/2/2021 at River Oli Arua City. The 2 accused were arrested^{by} D.C Mutebwa Alex in possession of suspected wildlife species. They were taken to Arua Police Station. The exhibits were exhibited. The exhibits were examined and confirmed to belong to Wildlife.

Counsel for Accused: No objection.

- Half sack of pangolin scale 1
- 5 pieces of ivory
- 2 hippo teeth
- 2 warthog teeth.
- Exhibit slip dated 2/2/2021 admitted and marked PG.II>

Expert report dated 9/2/2021 and marked P.4 III.

Sgd
Ayo Miriam E. Okello
Chief Magistrate

A1: Yes: Facts correct.

A2: Facts are correct.

Court: 2 accused convicted on their own plea of guilty on 4 counts.

Reasons: No previous record. The convict ^{have} been on remand for 1 month. Cases of illegal possession of wildlife species not common. We implore court to consider the items involved. The offence was committed in Arua a district boarding Murchison falls. As ^{tourist} ~~trouble~~ contribute to our GDP, we pray for a reformative sentence. We pray the exhibit be handed over to Executive Director, UWA.

Mitigation: Accused have realized their mistake. We pray court considers the circumstances in which they came into possession.

They were given to market and get some difference. The convict promised to be ambassador. We pray the convict be given non - custodial sentence.

Sentence: Both convicts are first offenders who realized their mistakes and pleaded guilty. The convicts were ^{working} ~~looking~~ a difference. They should engage in better business. I have considered the prayers of both state and defense and the fact that they are first offenders.

Both of A1 and A2 sentenced as follows:

Count 1: 2 years imprisonment or pay a fine of 1 million.

Count 2: 2 years imprisonment or pay a fine of 1 million.

Count 3: 1 year imprisonment or pay a fine of 500,000/=

Count 4: 1 year imprisonment or pay a fine of 500,000/=

Court: Sentence to run concurrently but fine cumulatively.

Sgd *M Okello*

Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

Court: Let the pangolin scale and 5 ivory, 2 hippo teeth and 2 warthog teeth be handed over to Executive Director, UWA for further management.

Sgd *M Okello*

Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

12/03/2021

