

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF KAMPALA AT BUGANDA ROAD
CRIMINAL OFFENCE NO.0258-2021**

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PROSECUTION

VERSUS

A1: KUMAKECH CHARLES

A2: COTHUM SHARIF

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ACCUSED

PROCEEDINGS

17/3/2021

2 accused in court.

Winnie –state

Flavia –court clerk.

Court: Charge read and explained to 2 accused in Alur.

Accused pleads: Count 1:

A1: False

A2: False

Count 2:

A1: False

A2: False

Court: Plea of not guilty entered.

Prosecution: Inquiries complete.

Court: Right of bail extended. No sureties. Remanded till 31/3/2021.

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Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

23/3/2021

Accused absent.

Counsel Mbazira for accused.

Elizabeth –court clerk.

Counsel for accused: Pray for a production warrant since the accused pleaded guilty.

Court: Production Warrant to issue for 24/3/2021.

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Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

29/3/2021

Accused further remanded to 31/3/2021

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Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

31/3/2021

A2 absent.

Accused in court.

Mbazira for counsel for accused.

Liz –court clerk.

Counsel for accused: Both accused wish to change plea.

Court: Change read and explained to both accused in Alur.

Accused: Charge read and explained to both accused in Alur.

Accused pleads:

Count A1: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Count A2: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Count A1: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Count A2: True. Plea of guilty entered.

Brief facts: on 4/3/2021 in Bulisa District UWA rangers while on operation arrested the 2 accused and found in possession. Pangolin scale, horns. They were arrested and taken to Hoima. Then transferred to CPS Kampala. Photos and certificate of search was exhibited. The expert also examined the species.

Counsel for accused: No objection.

Court: Exhibits admitted.

Slip dated 4/3/2021 marked P.G1.

3 photos P.G.II.

Expert reported P.G.III.

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Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate

Accused:

A1: Facts are correct.

A2: Facts are correct.

Court: Both were convicted on their own plea of guilty on both counts.

Reasons: No previous record. Cases of possession and rampant. Bulisa is an area for conservation. I pray court takes into account the contribution of tourism.

Reasons: They are first offenders. They are remorseful youthful offenders. They have undertaken to spread. The news to their peers to desist from such unlawful acts. I pray for leniency.

Sentence: Both convicts are youthful offender who have realized. Their mistakes and pleaded guilty. Indeed, they still have a bright future if they desist from such unlawful acts. I have considered the prayers in mitigation and that of state for a reformation sentence.

As first offenders. They are each sentenced as follows.

Count 1: 2 years imprisonment or pay a fine of 500,000/=.

Count 2: where they had 1 piece of pangolin scales sentence to 1 year or pay 300,000/=.

Sgd *Okello*

Ayo Miriam E. Okello

Chief Magistrate