



Counsel for Accused: No objection.

**Court:** 4 pieces of ivory and slip dated 31/1/2021 admitted and marked P.G.1.  
Report dated 3/2/2021 P.G.II.

A1: Facts are correct.

A2: Facts are correct.

A3: Facts are correct

**Court:** All the 3 accused were convicted on their own plea of guilty.

**Sgd**

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

**Reasons:** No past record. Crime is rampant within the jurisdiction. Elephants belong to Appendix I. They are near extinction.

The convict must have caused the death of 2 elephant. Rubirizi is near Queen Elizabeth National Park. They benefit highly. Accused's greed deprives other Ugandans from benefiting from the services. There is need to deter them from committing the same. I pray for a deterrent sentence. I suggest 6 years custodial sentence. The convict were found with a vehicle UAF 699A and pray that makes order that the said motor vehicle is forfeited to state and the ivory be handed over to Executive Director UWA.

**Mitigation:**

The convicts are first offender. From the charge sheet they were engaged in lawful business until when they engaged to transport the exhibits. They are remorseful. A1 will be a good messenger. They are family men and bread winner.

**Sentence:** The convicts are first offenders who did not waste court's time. They should restrict themselves to their business but not to jump into the unknown. The offence is

rampant and there is need to discourage the would be offenders. The convicts come from the area where they benefit from the services highlighted by state. They should appreciate.

I have heard the prayers and considered the fact that the convicts are first offenders. In the premises therefore I find a sentence of 3 years imprisonment or a fine of 1,500,000 are appropriate.

Sgd *M Okello*

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

**Court:** Let the 4 pieces of ivory be handed over to Executive Director, UWA for further management.

For the vehicle, let state take photos and evidence of police the court can consider the same.

Sgd *M Okello*

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

**10/02/2021**