

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF BUSHENYI AT RUBIRIZI

BUS -24-CR-CO-NO 0268/2021

CRB NO. 391/2021

UGANDA.....PROSECUTION

VERSUS

NUWAGABA RONALD:.....ACCUSED

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT

11/08/2021

Buyuya Ibrahim for UWA prosecutor

Accused in court

Mugisha c/c

Katungye David for state

Pros. For plea

Court. Charge and particulars read to accused in Runyankole and pleads.

Accused- have heard , it is true .

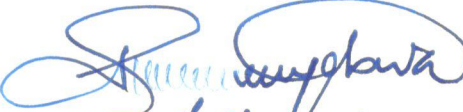
Court. Plea of guilt entered.

State.

It is alleged that Nuwagaba Ronald on 07/08/2021 at 08:00 rangers attached to Queen Elizabeth conservation area under command of private Musinguzi Aggrey went for patrol in areas of Rwebitokye within the National park and arrested accused for illegally entering a prohibited area. He had a panga , pedling stick and a yellow small sack and a cut 3 liter Jerrican. He was brought to Rubirizi police station and charged .

Accused- I have heard . The facts are true.

Court. Accused convicted upon his own plea of guilty.

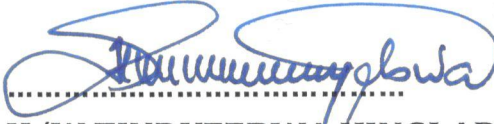

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Pros- we presume accused to be first time offender . He has not wasted courts time however offences of illegal entry are very rampant. Accused lives adjacent to the protected area. The offence charged with accused carries a fine of not ^{more} less than 350 currency points or imprisonment of not more than 10 years or both. Entering protected area without permission undermines the ecological area I pray for custodial sentence.

Accused. Pray for lenient sentence, I have a family and two children , I had got to get fish from the lake.

Court. Sentence

Offence of entering a protected area carries a fine of not more than 7m and or imprisonment of not more than 10 yrs. These offences are rampant and people who enter the protected areas end up killing animals which earns this government a lot of money from tourists that the government uses to do its services to the people. They also end up cutting trees hereby causing global warming that is affecting majority ,Ugandans engaged in farming and deprives the innocent animals of their shelter, Catching immature fish from the lakes has not only deprived Ugandans of source but also led to the disappearance of mature fish from our lakes , However accused is said to be a first time offender , he looks to be remorseful, he has told court he has a family that depend on him as sole bread winner. At his age he needs to be given a second chance to reform and spread the gospel to other people living near lakes to stop entering protected areas without permission from UWA. Further still court is aware prisons are overwhelmed by numbers. For these reasons accused is sentenced to pay a fine of 500,000= and in default to be imprisonment for one year. R/A of 14 days to h/ court notified.


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MAGISTRATE GRADE ONE
11/08/2021