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CHOMA TOWN CLERK ARRESTED FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES INVOLVING OVER K900,000

The Anti-Corruption Commission, has arrested Choma Town Clerk, Davies Musenge, for corrupt practices involving K953, 887.50.

Musenge, has been arrested on three counts of Willful Failure to comply with applicable law and procedure contrary to Section 34(2)(b) as read with Section 41 of the Anti – Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012. The offences are alleged to have been committed when Musenge served as Town Clerk for Chipata Municipal Council.

Details of the offence in count one are that, between 1st January, 2014 and 31st August, 2014 at Chipata, Musenge being Town Clerk at Chipata Municipal Council willfully failed to follow applicable procedure and guidelines in the manner he executed a contract tender No. PPC/EP/5/2013 dated 16th August, 2014 between Chipata Municipal Council and Micro-Pro Innovations Limited for the supply and delivery of 2 Skip Trucks and 11 bins without the approval of the Attorney General and without obtaining Performance Security for the said contract as provided for under the Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2018.

In count two, details are that between 1st January, 2014 and 30th November 2014 at Chipata, Musenge being the Town Clerk at Chipata Municipal Council, willfully failed to follow applicable procedure and guidelines in the manner he executed a contract tender No. PPC/EP/10/2014 dated 28th October, 2014 between Chipata Municipal Council and Marygold Investments Limited for the supply and delivery of one drilling rig with drill accessories and portable air compressor at a contract sum of K1,127,850 without the approval of the Attorney General and without obtaining

Performance Security for the said contract as provided for under the Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2018.

Details in count three are that Davies Musenge and Ford Tembo, between 1st January, 2014 and 31st December 2015 at Chipata, being a public officers namely Town Clerk at Chipata Municipal Council and Chairperson for Chipangali Constituency in Chipata, respectively, willfully failed to follow applicable procedure and guidelines in the manner they authorized an advance payment to Marygold Investments Limited totaling K 953, 887.50 translating to 75% of the contract sum without seeking authority from the Zambia Public Procurement Authority as prescribed by law.

Mr. Davies Musenge has been released on Bond and will appear in court soon.

In another development, the Commission has also arrested a Choma Businessman for theft of 16 FISP Packs of groundnuts valued at K17,841.71.

Ezra Mabbalani, of Sibanyati Village in Choma has been arrested for one count of theft by agent contrary to Section 280(b) as read with Section 265 of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the laws of Zambia.

Details of the offence are that, between 1st January 2023 and 31st January 2023, Ezra Mabbalani did steal the said 16 packs of groundnut seed, property of Notuceya Women's Club which was entrusted to him by Kamano Seed Company Limited.

Mabbalani has been released on Bond and will appear in court soon.

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