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## PRESS RELEASE

## TWO FORMER ZESCO EMPLOYEES CONVICTED FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES.

The Mongu Subordinate Court has convicted and sentenced two former ZESCO employees of ZESCO Limited to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour for corrupt practices involving K10,000.00.

Brian Monde Lupasa a former ZESCO Senior Electrician and Kwalombota Kwalombota, a former ZESCO General Worker in Mongu, were arrested in September 2023 by the Anti-Corruption Commission and jointly charged with two (2) counts of Corrupt Practices by Public Officers contrary to section 19(1) as read together with section 41 of the Anti-Corruption Act No.3 of 2012 of the Laws of Zambia.

Particulars of the offence in count one were that Brian Monde and Derick Kwalombota Kwalombota on dates between 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at Mongu, being public officers namely Senior Electrician and General Worker respectively, jointly and whilst acting together did corruptly solicit for the sum of K10,000.00 case gratification form a named person as an inducement to avoid the prosecution of the said person for engaging in electricity power bypass, a matter that concerns ZESCO Ltd, a public body.

Further, in count two particulars were that Brian Monde Lupasa and Derrick Kwalombota Kwalombota during the same period and in the same jurisdiction, jointly and whistle acting together did corruptly receive the sum of K3,000.00 cash gratification from the named person as an inducement for them to avoid prosecuting the said person for having engaged in electricity power bypass.

In passing sentence, the Honourable Magistrate Kalifano Manyepa has, pursuant to Section 41(c) of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012, ordered that the K3,000 which was received by the convicts as gratification be forfeited to the State and the convicts be remanded in prison to serve the 18 months sentence.

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