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ACC ARRESTS LUSAKA BUSINESSMAN OVER MUKULA SAGA

The Anti-Corruption Commission has arrested a Lusaka businessman for corrupt practices involving exporting of Mukula logs without following the laid down procedure.

Ackson Tembo aged 39, and proprietor of ACK General Dealers, of plot number 7059 off Mumbwa road in Lusaka has been charged with two counts of Conveyancing of Forestry Produce without a License and one count of Unlawful Export of Mukula timber contrary to the Laws of Zambia.

In the first count, Ackson Tembo has been charged with Conveyancing of A Forestry Produce without a Licence contrary to Section 89 as read with Section 99 of the Forestry Act number 4 of 2015. Details are that Tembo whilst acting together with persons unknown on dates unknown but between 1st July 2021 and 31st September, 2021 in Chirundu District did unlawfully convey twenty-three (23) steel containers laden with pterocarpus chrysothrix also known as Mukula contrary to Section 99 of the Forestry Act number 4 of 2015.

In the second count, Ackson Tembo has been charged with unlawful export of Mukula timber contrary to Section 91 as read with Regulation number 15 of 2015 of the statutory instrument number 94 of 2015 of the Forest Act number 4 of 2015. Details are that Tembo whilst acting together with persons unknown on dates unknown but between 1st July 2021 and 12th August, 2021 in Chirundu district did attempt to unlawfully export 23 containers laden with Mukula logs through Chirundu border without necessary permits and licences.

In the third count, Ackson Tembo has been charged with Conveyancing of A Forestry Produce without a Licence contrary to Section 89 as read with Section 99 of the Forestry

Act number 4 of 2015. Details are that Tembo, whilst acting together with persons unknown on dates unknown but between 1st June 2021 and 31st September, 2021 at Katima Mulilo border in Western Province did unlawfully convey 16 steel containers laden with Mukula logs on various motor vehicles and trailers.

Ackson Tembo has since been released on Bond and will appear in court soon.

The Anti-Corruption Commission in October this year, intercepted and seized trucks belonging to ACK General Dealers loaded with Mukula tree logs enroute to neighboring Namibia and Zimbabwe, with unknown final destinations.

Meanwhile, the Lusaka Subordinate Court has convicted a former Zambia Police Officer for corrupt practices and sentenced him to 3 (three) years imprisonment with Hard Labour.

Mansa acting Principal Resident Magistrate honourable Silvia Munyinya has convicted Nasilele Mufungulwa aged 40, of Kanyama township in Lusaka District.

In 2015, the Anti-Corruption Commission arrested and charged Nasilele Mufungulwa with One count of Corrupt Practices by a Public Officer Contrary to Section 19 (1) of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012.

Particulars of the offence were that Nasilele Mufungulwa on a date unknown but between 1st January 2015 and 10th January at Lusaka in Lusaka District, being a public officer namely a Police Officer in the employment of the Zambia Police Service did corruptly solicit for a sum of K2, 000 and actually received K1, 360 from Tshimanga Bamani as an inducement for him to release an unregistered motor vehicle a Toyota Rav4 1999 model, a matter or transaction concerning the Zambia Police a public body.

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