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ACC TO APPEAL LUSAMBO, KAMPYONGO ACQUITTAL

The Anti-Corruption Commission is set to appeal the acquittal of former Home Affairs Minister Steven Kampyongo and former Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo.

The Commission is shocked with the decisions of the Courts and as such being dissatisfied with the outcome of these two matters, it is currently studying the judgements and will soon launch the appeals in the interest of justice.

Last week, former Home Affairs Minister Steven Kampyongo was set free following a judgement delivered by Economic and Financial Crimes Court Principle Resident Magistrate Honourable Sylvia Munyinya, in a matter in which Kampyongo, together with his wife Wanziya Chirwa were facing 12 counts of Possession of Property Reasonably Suspected to be Proceeds of Crime.

However, Magistrate Munyinya found Wanziya guilty in five counts and sentenced her to three years Simple Imprisonment for possession of properties suspected of being proceeds of crime.

In another development, former Minister for Lusaka Province, Bowman Lusambo, was acquitted in a matter he was facing three counts of attempting to interfere with witnesses.

The brief background to this matter is that Lusambo was earlier arrested by the Anti-Corruption Commission for Possession of Property Reasonably suspected of being Proceeds of Crime. However, in the course of this matter which was already before the courts of law, it was alleged that Lusambo had, with intent to obstruct the due course of justice, endeavored to dissuade or prevent three witnesses from giving evidence before a court of law. He was subsequently arrested by the Commission for the subject offence.

In his judgement, Lusaka Magistrate Trevor Kasanda ruled that the prosecution team had failed to prove their case and acquitted Lusambo on all three counts.

The Commission feels that the Courts seized with the conduct of the two cases erred by acquitting the accused and will soon frame its grounds of appeal and launch the appeal in the higher court.

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