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MEDIA RELEASE

EX-MASAITI HEAD TEACHER JAILED FOR CORRUPTION INVOLVING OVER K1.7MILLION

The Economic and Financial Crimes Court in Luanshya, Copperbelt Province, has convicted a former Head Teacher at Masaiti Boarding Secondary School to three years imprisonment for corrupt practices involving over ZMW1.7million.

The Anti-Corruption Commission in 2024 arrested Mr. Azan Mungala aged 53, of House No. 2 Masaiti Boarding secondary School Teachers Compound, and charged him with Wilful Failure to Comply with Applicable Guidelines, contrary to Section 34(2)(b) of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012.

Particulars of the offense are that Mr. Mungala, on dates unknown but between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2016, in Masaiti District, Copperbelt Province, being a public officer, wilfully failed to comply with procurement guidelines relating to the authorization of payments totalling K1,787,273.00, a matter involving the Ministry of Education, a public body.

In delivering judgment, the Court sentenced Mr. Mungala to three (3) years imprisonment, with two (2) years as a suspended sentence and one (1) year to be served as a custodial sentence with hard labour.

Meanwhile the Solwezi Subordinate Court has convicted a former Zambia State Insurance Corporation (ZSIC) Life Company Production Manager to 24 months imprisonment for corruption.

The Commission in 2022 arrested Mr. Noah Kalukango, aged 37 of House No. 4321 Pamodzi, Ndola and charged him with Corrupt Practices by a Public Officer, contrary to Section 19(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 3 of 2012.

Details are that Mr. Kalukango, on dates unknown but between 1st and 28th February 2022, in Solwezi District, North-Western Province, being a public officer, received K3,000.00 cash gratification as a reward for facilitating the processing of a matured classic investment policy.

In delivering the judgment, the court sentenced Mr. Kalukango to 24 months imprisonment, with 15 months as a suspended sentence and eight (8) months to be served as a custodial sentence with hard labour.

The Commission remains committed to fighting corruption and ensuring public officers are held accountable for their actions in order to uphold integrity in public service.

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