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## **PRESS RELEASES**

### **COURT CONVICTS HOSTILE WITNESS**

In 2007, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that chairpersons of vendors at the new Mzuzu planks market solicited sums of money from applicants who wanted to be allocated business places in the market in order for the chairpersons to allocate them places in the market.

On 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Kelvin Chirambo, Felison Mvula and Zikani Moyo. They were charged with corrupt practices by private persons contrary to Section 26(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012, one of the state witnesses, Milika Munthali turned hostile in court. She revealed that she did this because she had been coerced by some of the accused persons to testify in their favour.

She was arrested on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. She was taken to court where she was charged with perjury contrary to Section 101(1) of the penal Code. She pleaded guilty to the charge. She was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour but was suspended.

Two suspects who coerced Milika Munthali to testify in their favour face an additional charge of interfering with witnesses contrary to Section 109B of the Penal Code.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau is calling upon all those answering corruption charges to desist from interfering with state witnesses as it is an offence.

### **ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU ARRESTS POLICE OFFICERS**

In 2009, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that police officers at Ntaja Police Post corruptly solicited various sums of money totalling about K146, 000.00 from suspects in order to release them on police bail.

The Bureau investigated the matter and confirmed that Police officers Alike Banda and Isaac Soko corruptly obtained various sums of money from suspects. On 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Alick Banda and Isaac Soko.

They were taken to Machinga Magistrate's Court. They were charged with four counts of corrupt practices by public officer and two counts of abuse of office contrary to Section 24 (1) and 25B(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act respectively.

They were granted bail on the following conditions:

- Bonded at the sum of K10,000.00 cash each
- Produced two reliable sureties each bonded at K25, 000.00 not cash
- To report to Machinga Magistrate's Court once every week on Mondays
- Not to interfere with state witnesses
- To surrender to the Anti-Corruption Bureau their passports
- Not to commit such similar offences whilst on bail
- Not to leave Machinga without approval of the Officer – In -charge of Machinga Police Station

The case will go to court on a date to be set by the court.

### **ACB ARRESTS AGRICULTURE STAFF (KABOTOLO) AND VILLAGE HEADMAN KAYESA (PAUL WALAZA) IN MCHINJI**

In 2009, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received complaint alleging that Elijah Kabotolo, Agricultural Extension Development Officer (AEDO) and Paul Walaza (village headman Kayesa) created a ghost village known as Makhula/ Kayesa 2 village in Mchinji during the 2008/09 season.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau investigated the matter and confirmed the allegation.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, the Anti- Bureau arrested Elijah Kabotolo and Paul Walaza. They were taken to Mchinji Magistrate's Court. They were charged with one count of abuse of office contrary to Section 25B(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count of giving false information to a person employed in the public service contrary to Section 122(a) of the penal Code.

### **COURT CONVICTS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE STAFF (KANYAMBWALA) IN SALIMA OVER 2007/08 SUBSIDY**

The Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that some ministry of Agriculture staff in Salima registered nonexistent villages during the 2007/ 2008 Farm Input Subsidy Programme Registration.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations into the matter which confirmed that William Kanyambwala while serving as an Agricultural Extension Development Officer (AEDO) at Chilwa EPA in Salima registered nonexistent villages namely, Chikatha, Makhuwira, Mandaka and Gwangwa.

On 30th March, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested William Kanyambwala and Rodgers Nkhoma. They were taken to Salima Magistrate's Court. They were charged with abuse of office contrary to Section 25B (1) and (2) of the Corrupt Practices Act and giving false information to a person employed in the public service contrary to Section 122 of the Penal Code.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012, Salima Magistrate's Court found William Kanyambwala guilty on all counts and convicted him. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour but suspended for three years on condition that William Kanyambwala should not commit a similar offence within the given three years.

Rodgers Nkhoma was not found guilty of the offence and was acquitted.

### **COURT CONVICTS SURVEYOR GENERAL'S STAFF (MNDALASINI AND KUMWENDA) IN LILONGWE FOR CORRUPTION**

In 2010 the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging corrupt practices by staff at the Department of Surveyor General Headquarters in Lilongwe in the processing of title deeds.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations into the matter which confirmed that Mathews Mndalasini, Cartographer in the Department of Surveyor General at Surveys Headquarters corruptly solicited K20,000.00 but received K5,000.00 and K12,000.00 from Mwisho Alexander Chilikumtima in order for Mndalasini to process deed plans quickly. It also established that Stywell Teddy Kumwenda, Senior Surveys Examiner aided and abetted Mndalasini to solicit and receive the said amounts of money.

The two were taken to Lilongwe Magistrate's Court. Mndalasini was charged with three counts of corrupt practices by public officer contrary to Section 24(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act. Kumwenda was charged with two counts of aiding and abetting a corrupt practice contrary to Section 35 as read with Section 24(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, Lilongwe Magistrate's Court found Mathew Mandalasini and Teddy Kumwenda guilty on all counts and convicted them respectively. Mandalasini was sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour on each of the three counts. Stywell Teddy Kumwenda was sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour on each of the two counts. The sentences will run concurrently effective from the day of conviction.

### **COURT CONVICTS VH KAMPHATA AND BUSINESSMAN OVER FORTY EIGHT BAGS OF SUBSIDISED FERTILIZER**

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint from Tip-Offs Anonymous that some people were keeping different amounts of bags of subsidized fertilizer at Kamphata in Lilongwe.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau in conjunction with the police conducted a search the same day. They found twenty nine bags at GVH Kamphata's house and 19 bags at Mr. George Mpango's house. They seized the forty eight bags.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau and the police conducted investigations which established that the bags were acquired illegally.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 the Bureau and Police took GVH Kamphata (Mr. Steven Komeleti) and George Mpango a businessman to Lilongwe Magistrate's Court. They were charged with one count of being found in possession of property suspected to have been stolen.

They pleaded guilty to the charges. They were convicted on their own plea of guilty. They were sentenced to a fine of K60, 000.00 and K40, 000.00 cash respectively or in default serve six months and four months in jail respectively.

The court also ordered that the suspects be given two bags each as their entitlement as beneficiaries of the Farm Inputs Subsidy Programme. The 27 bags in possession of GVH Kamphata should be given to the right beneficiaries upon verification. The seventeen bags which were in Mpango's possession should be forfeited to Government through the Ministry of Agriculture. The two were ordered to pay the fines within fourteen days.

Anti-Corruption Bureau is calling upon members of the public to report anyone suspected to be in possession of illegally acquired subsidized farm inputs.

### **ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU ARRESTS EMMANUEL YESAYA MAZALALE IN LILONGWE**

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that there were corrupt activities at Accountant General's Office involving loss of public resources in excess of MK400 million.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations which confirmed the allegation.

On 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Emmanuel Yesaya Mazalale who was then working as Principal Accountant at Accountant General's Office in Lilongwe but currently working at the Malawi Embassy in Kuwait. Emmanuel Yesaya Mazalale was about to fly out of the country to evade the Bureau after a prearranged meeting with Bureau officers to ask him to give his side of the story about the MK400 million case.

He will be charged with the offences of money laundering contrary to Section 35(1) (c) of the Money laundering, Proceeds of Serious Crime and Terrorist Financing Act, misuse of public office and corrupt performance of functions by a public officer contrary to Section 25B (1) and 25A (1) of the Corrupt Practices

Act, conspiracy to commit a felony and theft contrary to Section 404 and 278 of the Penal Code.

### **COURT CONVICTS POLICE PROSECUTOR KABANGA IN LILOGWE**

On 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that Charles Kabanga a police prosecutor at Kawale Police solicited K4, 000.00 but received K3, 000.00 in order for him to discontinue prosecuting an assault case against Madalitso Kabango.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations which confirmed the allegation.

The Anti-Corruption took Sergeant Kabanga to Lilongwe Magistrate's Court. He was charged with two counts of corrupt practices by public officer contrary to Section 24(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count of misuse of public office contrary to Section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, Lilongwe Magistrate's Court found Kabanga guilty on all the three counts and convicted him. On 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, the Court sentenced Kabanga to four, six and three months imprisonment with hard labour on each of the three counts respectively but suspended each of them to three month.

### **COURT ACQUITS MCHINJI DISTRICT HOSPITAL TRANSPORT OFFICER**

On 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging abuse of funds at Mchinji District Hospital.

On 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, the Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations into the matter which confirmed the allegation.

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Georgina Zulu Transport Officer at Mchinji District Hospital.

She was taken to Mchinji Magistrate's Court where she was charged with one count of public officers performing their functions corruptly contrary to Section 25A of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count of theft by servant contrary to Section 286 of the Penal Code.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013, Lilongwe Magistrate's Court acquitted Georgina Zulu on both counts.

### **COURT CONVICTS THREE ROAD TRAFFIC OFFICERS MOLLEN, MTIMUNI AND KUMWENDA**

In October, 2009 the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that Road Traffic Officers at Road Traffic Offices in Lilongwe fraudulently and corruptly effected change of ownership of a Toyota Land Cruiser registration number MH 9999.

Investigations established that Rodgers Mollen, Chief Motor Examiner, Masida Kumwenda, Data Capturing Clerk and Enock Mtimuni, Assistant Motor Examiner fraudulently and corruptly changed ownership of the said motor vehicle.

They were charged with misuse of public office contrary to Section 25B(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act, uttering a false document contrary to Section 360 of the Penal Code and willful neglect of duty contrary to Section 121 of the Penal Code.

On 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, Lilongwe Magistrate's Court acquitted them on the first two counts and convicted them on the third count. They were each sentenced to seven months imprisonment with hard labour but suspended to twelve months.

### **COURT CONVICTS NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICER, WILLIE KACHAKA**

In 2008, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received information alleging massive corruption in the hiring of vehicles for the 2008 Population and Housing Census.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations into the matter. It established that Mr. Willie Kachaka who was then working as Chief Statistician for the Population and Housing Census ( now with Ministry of Health headquarters) had committed an offence in relation to the hire of vehicles during the 2008 Population and Housing Census.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Willie Kachaka. He was taken to Lilongwe Magistrate's Court. He was charged with one count of misuse of public office contrary to Section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, Lilongwe Magistrate's Court found Kachaka guilty and convicted him. He was sentenced to five months imprisonment with hard labour but suspended to twelve months.

### **ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU ARRESTS T/A DAMBE AND ANOTHER PERSON IN MCHINJI**

The Anti-Corruption Bureau received information alleging corrupt practices by T/A Dambe of Mchinji that he is receiving various sums of money from people in order to install them as village headmen. The complaint further alleged that the T/A is demanding money to allocate people land.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations into the matter. It established that Mr. Chikondi Nkhata (T/A Dambe) and Mr. Office Nthema obtained money from people.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Chikondi Nkhata and Office Nthema. They were taken to Mchinji Magistrate's Court. T/A Dambe was charged with one count of abuse of public office contrary to Section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and two counts of obtaining money by false pretences contrary to Section 319 of the Penal Code. Office Nthema was charged with one count of obtaining money by false pretences contrary to Section 319 of the Penal Code.

They were released on bail on the following conditions:

- To be their own Surety

- Ordered to report to Kapiri police unit once every week on Thursdays
- Not to interfere with state witnesses

They pleaded not guilty to the charges. They will appear in court on a date to be set by the court.

### **ACB ARRESTS MAXWELL KALELE**

The Anti-Corruption Bureau received information alleging that Maxwell Kalele was soliciting money from the owner of a private school in order for him not to report the school to Malawi Revenue Authority and ESCOM for not remitting taxes and illegal electricity connection respectively.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Maxwell Kalele after he had received the money. He was taken to Lilongwe Magistrate's Court. He was charged with one count of corrupt transactions with a private body contrary to Section 26 (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count attempted extortion contrary to Section 305 of the Penal Code.

He was released on bail on the following conditions:

- Bonded at K50,000.00 not cash
- Ordered to report to ACB offices once every week on Mondays
- Produced two reliable sureties bonded at K50,000.00 each not cash

He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

### **COURT CONVICTS VILLAGE HEADMAN LOTI IN THYOLO**

The Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that Winosi Dailesi who was village headman Loti in the area of TA Mchilamwela in Thyolo district received two goats and unspecified sums of money in order for Dailesi to relocate Paul Lebwede and the late Kalilombe. Levison Makhasu and Mr. Bwanali were supposed to relocate to Makande following a Government decision to carry out a project on a land occupied by Makhasu and Bwanali.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations which confirmed the allegation. It established that due to this, a project which was supposed to take

place on the land from which Makhasu and Bwanali were to be moved did not take place as the two could not relocate.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau took Winosi Dailesi to Thyolo Magistrate's Court. He was charged with one count of corrupt practices by public officer contrary to Section 24(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count of abuse of public office contrary to Section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, Thyolo Magistrate's Court found Winosi Dailesi guilty on both counts and convicted him. He was sentenced to twenty four months imprisonment with hard labour. He is currently serving the sentence at Thyolo prison.

### **COURT CONVICTS SINYANGWE, SIMUCHIMBA AND SILWAMBA IN CHITIPA**

In 2010, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that three noble counsellors of GVH Nkombanyama of T/A Mwaulambiya in Chitipa namely: Nicholas Sinyangwe, Charles Simuchimba and Reuben Silwamba, demanded and received K5, 000 from Alfred Sibale to allow Sibale to bury his son in the community's graveyard.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation where it established that custom in the area demands that money fined to a person by traditional leaders should go to community's development works. The three counsellors fined Sibale K5, 000 for non-attendance of funerals and used the fine to their own advantage.

They were charged with one count of theft contrary to Section 271 as read with Section 278 of the Penal Code. On 22nd March, 2013, Chitipa Magistrates Court found the three guilty. They were convicted and fined K10, 000 each or in default serve two months in prison. All of them paid the fines.

### **COURT ACQUITS VILLAGE HEADMAN MWANGA IN CHITIPA**

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that village headman Mwanga (Fraser Simfukwe) demanded money from a plot owner who wanted to build a house on a plot he had bought in his village.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation which confirmed that Fraser Simfukwe received K7, 500.00

On 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Mr. Fraser Simfukwe. He was taken to Chitipa Magistrate's Court. He was charged with six counts of corrupt practices by public officer contrary to Section 24(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013, Chitipa Magistrate's Court acquitted Simfukwe on all the counts.

### **COURT ACQUITS T/A MPHONDE IN NKHOTAKOTA**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2009, The Anti-Corruption Bureau received complaints alleging that T/A Mphonde of Nkhotakota demands money from those who want to be installed as Village Headmen and Group Village Headmen.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau investigated the allegations which confirmed the allegations.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Malijani Kajombo (T/A Mphonde). He was taken to Nkhotakota Magistrate's Court. He was charged with three counts of corrupt practices by public officer contrary to Section 24 (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act. He pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

On 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, Nkhotakota Magistrate's Court acquitted Malijani Kajombo on all the three counts.

### **COURT FINDS TWO POLICE OFFICERS GUILTY BUT DISCHARGES THEM IN MCHINJI**

In 2007, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that police officers Chisuse, Nthengu and four others of Mchinji Police Station received K8,

000.00 from Ndikonde Mtsinde in order to release seven bags of subsidised fertilizer which they had confiscated from him.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation where it established that Julius Nthengu, Stonic Kanthewa and Austin Chisuse received the said amount.

They were charged with one count of corrupt practices by public officer and three counts of abuse of public office contrary to Sections 24(1) and 25B (1) of the corrupt Practices Act.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, Mchinji Magistrate's Court found Julius Nthengu and Austin Chisuse guilty of three counts and two counts of abuse of office respectively. The court acquitted Stonic Kanthewa of all the three counts.

The court did not convict the two who were found guilty. They were discharged pursuant to Section 337 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Code.

The Bureau filed a notice of appeal.

### **ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU ARRESTS KASIYAMALIRO, FORMER ROADS FOREMAN IN MWANZA**

In 2009, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received information alleging that Francis Kasiyamaliro Roads Foreman at Mwanza Public Works Office abused his position by including names of people who never worked on a road project in order to receive the wages for his personal advantage.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted investigations into the matter. It established that Mr. Francis Kasiyamaliro hired nine people to receive money on his behalf for the public works project in the rehabilitation of the Kalanga - Mpandadzi and Tambo - Chithumba roads in Mwanza District.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Francis Kasiyamaliro. He

was taken to Mwanza Magistrate's Court. He was charged with one count of misuse of public office contrary to Section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count of falsification of registers contrary to Section 368 of the Penal Code.

He was released on bail on the following conditions:

- Deposited with the court K20,000.00 cash
- Produced one reliable surety bonded at K20,000.00 not cash

He pleaded not guilty to the charges. He will appear in court on a date to be set by the court.

### **COURT CONVICTS GRACE BANDE (TEACHER) IN THYOLO**

In 2009, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that Grace Samson Bande a teacher at Mpinji Primary School in Thyolo abused her office by giving her husband unpublished tender information.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation which established that Grace Samson Bande provided unpublished tender information in relation to Mpinji school maintenance contract to her husband making him a supplier of materials worth K57, 455.00.

She was charged with one count of abuse of office and one count of counselling or procuring another person to deal in a contract contrary to Sections 25B (1) and 25C (2) of the corrupt Practices Act.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, Thyolo Magistrate's Court found Grace Samson Bande guilty on both counts.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, Thyolo Magistrate's Court sentenced her to fifteen months and nine months imprisonment with hard labour respectively on each of the two counts. The sentences were suspended to twenty four months.

### **ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU ARRESTS MRA TAX ASSESSOR AND JOHNSON AND WILSON COMPANY AUDITOR**

On 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received information alleging that a Malawi Revenue Authority tax assessor was demanding K70, 000.00 in order to prepare a tax clearance certificate to a business entity.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau in conjunction with the police arrested Chifundo Makande Auditor for Johnson and Wilson and Emmie Jiya a Tax Assessor for Malawi Revenue Authority.

They were taken to Blantyre Magistrate's Court where they were released on bail on the following conditions:

- Deposited with the court K10,000.00 cash each
- Produced two reliable sureties bonded at K20,000.00 each not cash
- To report to ACB once every fortnight on Mondays
- Not to interfere with state witnesses
- Not to leave Blantyre without the authority of the Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

They will be taken to Court on a date to be set by the Court for commencement of trial.

### **COURT CONVICTS THONDWE'S POLICE OFFICER KAZULA**

On 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that police officer Siselo Kazula of Thondwe Police station was engaging in various corrupt practices while discharging his duties as a police officer.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation which established that Siselo Kazula received K7, 000.00 to release Edison and Henderson Masamba on Police bail. He solicited K5, 000.00 for him to release goods confiscated at a roadblock.

He was charged with three counts of corrupt practices by public officer and two counts of abuse of public office contrary to Sections 24(1) and 25B (1) of the corrupt Practices Act.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, Zomba Magistrate's Court found Siselo Kazula guilty of all the five counts.

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, the Court sentenced Police Officer Siselo Kazula to twenty four imprisonment with hard labour on each of the five counts with an option of a K20, 000.00 fine on each. He has paid the fine.

The Bureau may appeal against the sentence as corrupt practices carry a custodial sentence.

### **COURT CONVICTS POLICE OFFICER KALEMA IN PHALOMBE**

In 2010, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that police officer Alexander Kalema of Phalombe Police Station solicited K36, 000.00 but received K18, 000.00 in order to release six suspects on police bail.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation which confirmed the allegation.

The Bureau took Alexander Kalema to Phalombe Magistrate's Court. He was charged with three counts of corrupt practices by public officer and one count of abuse of public office contrary to Sections 24(1) and 25B (1) of the corrupt Practices Act.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, Phalombe Magistrate's Court found Alexander Kalema guilty of all the three counts. He was sentenced to twenty four months, eighteen months and fifteen months imprisonment with hard labour on the three counts respectively. The sentences will run concurrently.

The prosecution also moved the court to order under Section 37(b) of the Corrupt Practices Act that the accused person pays back the money he obtained to release the suspects on police bail. The money will be paid to the court which will pass it on to the owner. The court has also made an order that should the convict fail to pay the money, it will be at liberty to forfeit the convict's property equivalent in value to K18, 000.00 in order to realise the money to be paid back to the owner.

### **COURT CONVICTS POLICE OFFICER MLOIWA IN BLANTYRE**

In December, 2010, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that police officer Felix Mloiwa of Mpemba Police Unit solicited money in order to release three suspects on police bail.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau instituted an investigation and arrested Felix Mloiwa as he was receiving K5, 100.00. The Bureau took Felix Mloiwa to Blantyre Chief Resident Magistrate's Court. He was charged with four counts of corrupt practices by public officer and one count of abuse of public office contrary to Sections 24(1) and 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013, Blantyre Chief Resident Magistrate's Court found Felix Mloiwa guilty of the count of corrupt practices by public officer. He was sentenced to twenty four months imprisonment with hard labour but suspended the sentence to twenty four months. The court stated that the sentence has been suspended because the convict has lost employment and terminal benefits in the police service.

The Prosecution moved the Court to order that the exhibits, in form of money which was tendered in court should be remitted back to the owner in accordance with Section 149 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Code. The Court has granted the order.

The Bureau is reminding members of the public that police bail is free. No one should be forced to pay for services which are supposed to be offered for free.

Resist corruption! Reject Corruption! Report those suspected of corrupt practices to the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

### **COURT CONVICTS MARDEF CREDIT OFFICER AND ACQUITS BANK SUPERVISOR IN THYOLO**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2012, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that Mr. John Chatonda Kalua, Malawi Rural Development Fund (MARDEF) Credit Officer for Thyolo District demands money in order to introduce loan beneficiaries to Banks.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012 John Chatonda Kalua solicited and received K50, 000.00 from Zamtsogolo Club in order for him to issue the club with an identification letter to cash a MARDEF loan cheque amounting to K484, 050.00. It was also suspected that Mr. Masauko Manyunya, Bank Supervisor for Malawi Savings Bank Luchenza Agency, solicited and received K15, 000.00 in order for him to authorize encashment of the cheque.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested John Chatonda Kalua and Masauko Manyunya after they had received the solicited amounts. Kalua was charged with one count of corrupt practices by public officer and one count of corrupt use of official powers contrary to Section 24(1) and 25(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act. Manyunya was charged with one count of corrupt transactions by or with private bodies contrary to Section 26(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, Thyolo Magistrate's Court acquitted Masauko Manyunya but found John Chatonda Kalua guilty of both Counts. He was sentenced to a fine of K15, 000.00 and K20, 000.00 respectively or in default to serve eight months and twenty four months imprisonment with hard labour to run concurrently. He has since paid the fine.

The Bureau is calling upon all to desist from demanding payment for services which are supposed to be performed for free.

### **COURT CONVICTS (RETIRED) POLICE OFFICER MACJOSE MWALE IN BLANTYRE**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Sub-Inspector MacJose Mwale of Lunzu police unit for soliciting K5, 000.00 and receiving K3,

000.00 in order for him to release Gilbert Chithumba and Rodrick Saiti on police bail.

He was taken to Blantyre Magistrates Court where he was charged with three counts of corrupt practices by public officer and three counts of abuse of office contrary to Section 24(1) and 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, Blantyre Principal Resident Magistrate Nebi found MacJose Mwale guilty of all the charges and convicted him. On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 the court sentenced him to twelve months imprisonment with hard labour on each of the counts. The sentences will run concurrently from the date of conviction. He is serving the sentence at Chichiri Prison.

The Bureau is calling upon members of the public that police bail is free therefore no one should demand payment from them in order to release them or their relations on police bail.

### **COURT ACQUITS POLICE OFFICER CHIKALIPO IN BLANTYRE**

In 2008, the Anti-Corruption Bureau received complaint alleging that Police Officer Depolisi Andrew Chikalipo of Blantyre Police Station solicited K100, 000.00 but received K10, 000.00 from Elton Chatepa in order to release Elton, Dyson and Madalitso Chatepa all homicide case suspects on police bail.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau investigated the matter and established that the allegation was true.

On 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, the Anti- Bureau arrested Depolisi Andrew Chikalipo. He was taken to Blantyre Magistrate's Court. He was charged with two counts of corrupt practices by a public officer contrary to Section 24 (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act and one count of abuse of office contrary to Section 25B(1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 Blantyre Chief Resident Magistrate Ligowe acquitted Depolisi Andrew Chikalipo of all the charges.