

TRAFFIC POLICEMEN FINED FOR TAKING BRIBES

Sept 4 2017- Two traffic policemen caught in a sting operation while taking bribes from motorists have been fined Kshs.1 million or 12 months' imprisonment in default each.

Constables Abdi Khalif and Shadrack Ngatia of Makuyu traffic base were arrested in January by the Rapid Response Team of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission following surveillance on the Thika-Kenol road. They were found with

Kshs.14,300, the proceeds of bribes from motorists. The Nairobi Milimani Anti – Corruption court also imposed a mandatory fine of Kshs.28,600 on each of them or six months' jail in default.

The court heard that the EACC Surveillance Team caught the policemen on video collecting bribes from motorists. The September 1, 2017 conviction marks the second such case secured through the operations of the Investigations department of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission in as many months.

Recently, the Milimani court fined city businessman David Kamunya Runo Kshs8.5 million for falsifying documents and registering two parcels of land belonging to the government.

Runo was charged alongside Zipporah Wangithi Runo, Kawafalls Ltd and Dosama Holdings on six counts of uttering false documents and obtaining registration of land by false pretences. The Anti-Corruption Court also fined the two companies a total of Kshs 8.5 million, but acquitted Ms Runo.

The court was told that the land in question is a road and railway reserve along the Southern By-Pass near Wilson Airport, and is valued at Kshs. 60 million. The court was further told that the title deeds were registered in 2007 in the names of Kawafalls Ltd and Dosama Holdings, companies which are co-owned by the two accused persons.

Magistrate Lawrence Mugambi ordered the accused to pay the fines within six months, failure to which EACC would institute civil recovery of the said fines.

The conviction was a secured through the combined efforts of EACC's Asset Tracing Team, Evidence Analysts and the Prosecuting Counsel.

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