



THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT

PRESS STATEMENT

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ODPP OFFICE ATTENDANT PLEADS GUILTY FOR SOLICITING AND RECEIVING GRATIFICATION

Sarah Atugonza Babirye, an office attendant with the office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Lugazi, was arrested while receiving gratification of Ushs 300,000 from Hadija Naigaga as an inducement or promise to expedite the movement of case file.

She was arraigned in court on 10th September 2019, before His Worship Nabende Moses. Through Plea bargain, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a fine of Uganda Shilling Five Hundred Thousand for each of the two counts or one year imprisonment. She was further ordered to refund Uganda shillings six hundred thousand which she had earlier received from the complainant. She was also disqualified from holding any public office pursuant to section 46 of the Anti-Corruption Act.

Mr Okoth Thomas represented the Inspectorate of Government

The details of the charges are:

Count 1: CORRUPTLY SOLICITING FOR GRATIFICATION, Contrary to Sections 2(a) and 26(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009. SARAH ATUGONZA BABIRYE, Office Attendant, with Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Lugazi Office, solicited for a gratification of Ug.Shs. 300,000/= (Uganda Shillings Three Hundred Thousand) from Hadija Naigaga as an inducement or promise to expedite the movement of case file CRB/100/2019 wherein the said Hadija Naigaga's two sons namely Hatim Kiwanuka and Wahab Kasadha were arrested for simple robbery and theft, which the Resident State Attorney Lugazi was perusing.

Count II: CORRUPTLY RECEIVING A GRATIFICATION, Contrary to Section 2(a) and Section 26(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009. SARAH ATUGONZA BABIRYE, Office Attendant, with Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Lugazi Office, on 6th September 2019 while at Lugazi, received gratification of Ug.Shs 300,000/= (Uganda Shillings Three Hundred Thousand) from Hadija Naigaga as an inducement or promise to expedite the movement of case file CRB/100/2019 wherein the said Hadija Naigaga's sons namely Hatim Kiwanuka and Wahab Kasadha were arrested for simple robbery and theft, which the Resident State Attorney Lugazi was perusing.