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PRESS STATEMENT

23rd June 2023

OFFICERS OF KALIRO DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARRESTED FOR LAUNDERING UGX 5,806,767,757/=

The Inspectorate of Government yesterday arrested Godfrey Mutome and John Wabwire on charges of Embezzlement and Money Laundering of Ushs 5,806,767,757. The two were charged with Rebecca Kwagala who was arrested on 12th June 2023 and charged at the Anti-Corruption Court.

Godfrey Mutome and John Wabwire are expected at the Anti-Corruption today 23rd June 2023.

The offences are as follows:

COUNT 1: Embezzlement Contrary to Section 19 of Anti-Corruption Act, 2009

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: Godfrey Mutome and John Wabwire between October 2014 and July 2022 at Kaliro and being employed as Chief Finance Officer and Accountant respectively at Kaliro District Local Government, irregularly transferred, withdrew and stole UGX 5,806,767,757/= being money labelled as loan deductions accruing to employees of Kaliro District that allegedly borrowed money from Kaliro Civil Servants' SACCO whereas not and which money was all accessed by virtue of their offices.

COUNT 11: Money Laundering Contrary of Section 3(b) and 13(B) and 13b(1) (a) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act 2013 as amended.

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCES: Godfrey Mutome and John Wabwire between October 2014 and July 2022 at Kaliro and being employed as Chief Finance Officer and Accountant respectively at Kaliro District Local Government, with intent to disguise the true nature and source of UGX 5,806,767,757/= moved it from Kaliro District Salaries/Wage Bill and General Funds accounts to Kaliro Civil Servants SACCO account and passed it off as loan deductions, knowing or suspecting such money to be proceeds of crime.

COUNT III: Causing Financial Loss Contrary to Section 20 of Anti-Corruption Act, 2009

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCES: Rebecca Kwagala, between October 2014 and July 2022, being employed as the Human Resource Officer at Kaliro District Local Government and in performance of her duties fraudulently originated invoices and created an interface file of Kaliro District Staff salary deductions, which was used to access and steal money form Kaliro District Salary/Wage Bill account, knowing that such actions would cause a financial loss of UGX 4,424,377,757/= to Kaliro District Local Government.