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Tuesday, 8th February, 2022

ARREST OF RONALD KAWUMA – FORMER TOWN CLERK NJERU TOWN COUNCIL, BUIKWE DISTRICT AND TWO OTHERS

The Inspectorate of Government today arrested the former Town Clerk of Njeru Town Council, Buikwe District together with Paul William Kalule Former Town Treasurer, Njeru Town Council, Buikwe District, John Lubega a Business Man and Ivan Opolot, Managing Director M/s Akamba Associates Ltd for causing loss of UGX 25,292,919/=.

The charges are as follows:

COUNT I: CAUSING FINANCIAL LOSS contrary to section 20 (1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009 as amended.

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: RONALD KAWUMA and **PAUL WILLIAM KALULE** during the FY 2013/2014 in Njeru Town Council, Buikwe District being employed in the Public Service as Town Clerk and Town Treasurer respectively, without making the necessary verifications, paid M/s Akamba Associates Ltd a commission of 20% on UGX 126,464,598/= erroneously remitted on the Njeru Town Council General Collection Account by the Ministry of Public Service as Local Service Tax allegedly collected by M/s Akamba Associates Ltd whereas not, knowing or having reason to believe that their action would cause financial loss to the government of Uganda and indeed caused financial loss of **UGX 25,292,919/=** to the Government of Uganda.

Alternative COUNT: NEGLECT OF DUTY contrary to section 2(i) and 26 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009 as amended

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COUNT II: THEFT contrary to section 254 and 261 of the Penal Code Act, CAP 120

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: JOHN LUBEGA AND IVAN OPOLOT, on or about the 28TH day of December 2012 in Njeru Town Council, Buikwe District, operating under a company in the fashion and name of M/s Akamba Associates Ltd stole **UGX 25,292,919/=** the property of the Government of Uganda.

The four accused persons will be arraigned at the Anti-Corruption Court tomorrow Wednesday, 9th February, 2022.

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