



THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT

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KASESE DISTRICT OFFICIAL PLEADS GUILTY, CONVICTED

The case of **UG VS ROBERT BALUKU** came up for defence hearing today and the accused person changed his plea to a guilty plea.

Robert Baluku, a Senior Assistant Secretary Kichwamba Sub County, Kasese District was charged with bribery of a public official.

Investigations by the Inspectorate of Government established that Mr. Robert Baluku and other public officials from Kasese district had misappropriated UGX 33,000,000 which had been sent to the district by Uganda Wildlife Authority. Consequently, Mr. Baluku was ordered to refund UGX 900,000 to the IG Asset Recovery Account, which he did. However, Mr. Baluku wanted the IG investigating Officer to write a favorable report of investigation and through mobile money he sent UGX 200,000 to the officer.

Today, Mr. Baluku was convicted on his own plea of guilty and sentenced to a fine of UGX 500,000 or 1 year imprisonment in lieu.

Court further ordered that the UGX 200,000 which constituted the bribe be forfeited to the IG.

Court presided over by HW Albert Asimwe further invoked S.46 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009 and ordered that Mr. Baluku should not hold any public office for 10 years from the date of conviction.