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PRESS RELEASE

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In the month of August, the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission's Rapid Response Division has taken 18 cases to court where 26 suspects were arrested and charged in court. Over the weekend of 10th and 11th September 2005, the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission arrested two Kenya Police Officers for soliciting and receiving bribes in Industrial Area and also arrested three suspects who were impersonating as KPLC employees for demanding a bribe.

The Commission received intelligence report that two police officers who are supposed to be patrolling Dar es Salaam Road in Industrial Area were collecting Ksh.200/= and Ksh.300/= from each Loader and Mechanic respectively, along Dar es Salaam Road every Saturday. A surveillance and under cover operation was conducted for two weeks where enough evidence was gathered leading to the arrest of the two officers.

The two Officers Meshack Amayo Sine and Linus Amukanga Litsalia have already been charged in court.

In the other incidence, the Commission received a report that three suspects who were masquerading as Kenya Power and Lighting Company employees were demanding Ksh. 15,000/= bribe in order not to charge a client for interfering (breaking) the meter seal.

The Commission's investigations officers conducted a trap operation whereby the three suspects, Justus Nyagaka Nyangacha, Wycliff Omukuba Kutwa and Benjamin Charles Otieno were arrested after receiving Ksh. 10,000/=. Various crude items, which created a KPLC seal and a KPLC Staff Identification card, were recovered from the suspects. Upon further investigations it was discovered that none of the suspects are employees of KPLC. They are to be charged in court with corruption offences.

The Commission continues to appeal to all Kenyans to report all forms of corruption to the Commission.

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