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TWENTY NINE SUSPECTS TO BE TAKEN TO COURT TO FACE CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD CONTRARY TO SECTION 317 OF THE PENAL CODE

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The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission took to Ogembo Law courts, Kisii District, Mr. Mohammed Salim Khan a lawyer with Khan and Katiku Advocates, Dr. Protasius Maurice Ajuoga, two Police Officers and twenty-six persons to face charges of conspiracy to defraud Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) contrary to Section 317 of the Penal Code. Sixteen others faced second count of charges of perjury contrary to Section 108(1) as read with Section 36 of the Penal Code and a third count of giving false information to a person employed in the Public Service contrary to Section 129 of the Penal Code.

It is alleged that on diverse dates between 24th January 2005 and 16th January 2006 in Gucha District within Nyanza Province, two police officers - IP Alfred Shihuma, CPL Mohammed Osman, Mohammed Salim Khan (lawyer), Mauti M. Mongige, David O. Nyambogi, Dr. Protasius M. Ajuoga, Edwin Onyiengo, Masta Nyambuga, Ezekiel Nyamboda, Keziah Nyangoya, Mauti Obara, Joseph Akumu, Regina Kerubo, Caleb Ositu, Daniel Obara, Charles Okemwa, Shem Obara, Wilson Orenge, Comell Nyambongi, Andrew Ongumbo, Grace Mongare, Ezekiel Ongumbo, Samuel Obara, Abigael Ombogo, David Mongige, Johace Onyancha, Moses Orengo (deceased) Tom Mongige, Ezekiel Mongige, Jacob Ondari, Julius Obari conspired together with intent to defraud Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) by falsely pretending that there was a road accident on 31st August 2004 involving an Isuzu lorry motor vehicle registration no. KZX 214 in which passengers thereon sustained injuries.

Other charges preferred onto Mauti Mongige, David Nyambogi, Edwin Onyiego and Masta Nyambuga state that on 24th January 2005 in Etago Police Station in Gucha District, they jointly gave information that they knew to be false to PC Simon Toroitich to the effect that the Isuzu lorry that they had boarded was involved in a road accident along Etago/Ikona road and that they sustained injuries.

They all pleaded not guilty to the charges and were released on a cash bond of Ksh 3,000/= each. The hearing was set for 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} April 2008 in Ogembo Law Courts in Kisii District.

The Commission would appreciate if you could highlight the above information.

Thank you,

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