

MP Abiriga fined Shs40,000 for urinating in public

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KAMPALA. City Hall Magistrate's Court has fined Arua Municipality MP Ibrahim Abiriga Shs40,000 for urinating on a wall fence near Ministry of Finance offices.

Mr Abiriga yesterday appeared before magistrate Beatrice Khainza and pleaded guilty to charges of committing a nuisance by easing himself in public contrary to the Local Governments (Kampala City Council) Maintenance of Law and Order Ordinance, 2006.

Fine

The trial magistrate sentenced Mr Abiriga to a fine of Shs40,000 and in default to spend two weeks in Luzira prison.

Mr Abiriga opted to pay the fine and gained his freedom. The cash was deposited in the bank by his lawyer, Mr Usama Sebuufu.

During mitigation to influence court to pass a lenient sentence, Mr Abiriga's lawyer showed court medical forms confirming that his client is diabetic so he cannot hold urine for long hours.

The MP, who is popularly known as the 'yellow Abiriga', given his yellow signature dressing and the zeal to have Article 102 (b) of the Constitution amended to scrap the presidential age limit, was first summoned on September 28.

This was after photos showing him urinating in public went viral on social media.

Judgment

"You are commanded by the Uganda government to appear in this court on the 6th day of October 2017 at 9am or soon thereafter the case can be heard," the criminal summons issued out by court against MP Abiriga read in part.

According to the particulars of the charge sheet, the State contended that the legislator on September 26 at Apollo Kagwa Road, Central Division of Kampala, became a nuisance by urinating on the wall fence.

The lawmaker days later confessed to the act in a televised interview at the entrance of Parliament chambers, saying he was badly off.

At the time of urinating, he was being guarded by his body guard from the counter terrorism unit and his signature yellow car was parked in the background.

