

# Court summons Ibrahim Abiriga over urinating on city street

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The Kampala City Hall Court has issued criminal summons against the Arua Municipality MP, Ibrahim Abiriga, who purportedly urinated at the roadside on the wall fence of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development building.

The summons that require Abiriga to appear before court on October 6, 2017 have been signed by Grade One Magistrate Beatrice Khainza.

The Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) has charged Abiriga with committing a public nuisance by easing himself in public, contrary to the local governments (Kampala City Council) maintenance of law and order ordinance, 2016.

Clause seven of the ordinance states: "A person commits a nuisance by easing himself or herself in any street or place of public resort or in any place being an appurtenance of or adjoining a dwelling house or in any place where he or she may be seen by the public."

The law states that any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this ordinance commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding sh40,000 or to



**Ibrahim Abiriga admitted to urinating on the wall fence**

imprisonment not exceeding two months or both.

Prosecution alleges that on September 26, 2017, on Sir Apollo Kaggwa Road in the Central Division of Kampala, Abiriga committed a nuisance by urinating at the roadside on the wall fence of the finance ministry building.

Four days ago, a purported picture of Abiriga went viral on social media showing him easing himself at the roadside.

On Tuesday, Abiriga; during a live TV interview at Parliament building admitted that he urinated at the roadside.

"Yesterday, I was badly off,

I wanted to urinate, I jumped out a bit. I was urinating, even this one you have spread it on WhatsApp, for what now?" he inquired. "I was badly off, how can I keep on keeping urine on me?"

He referred to the pictures that went viral on social media as "hopeless". "Why do you put such pictures there?" he wondered.

When contacted on phone yesterday, Abiriga said he had not received any court summons. "I am very far in Mbale. I have not been served with any summons yet. I have not seen anything," he added.