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A man will spend a total of five years in prison after court in Kaberamaido district sentenced him to two years' imprisonment for injuring his neighbour's pig.

Kaberamaido Chief Magistrate Patricia Ndagire handed Francis Ekodu the two-year sentence after initially considering a more lenient punishment, but later concluding that the accused showed no remorse for his actions.

Prosecution, led by resident state attorney Irene Nambozo, told court that in March 2025, Ekodu injured a pig belonging to James Aporu in Apokemado village, Aperkira sub-county, Kaberamaido district. Ekodu was also accused of removing boundary marks separating his family land from that of his neighbour, Aporu.

When asked to enter his plea, Ekodu admitted to injuring the pig, claiming the animal had been destroying food in his compound. However, he denied removing the land boundary marks.

Ndagire asked Aporu to tell court what action he wanted taken against the accused after the guilty plea on the charge of injuring the animal. She also invited Ekodu's father, Tom

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Eligu, to advise court on what should be done to his son.

NOT A FIRST TIME OFFENDER

Although the maximum sentence for injuring an animal is seven years, Ndagire initially considered sentencing Ekodu to one year in prison.

After hearing his additional criminal background information, Ndagire revised her earlier position.

Court heard that Ekodu had earlier been sentenced to three years' imprisonment for assaulting his wife, Betty Anabo, and causing grievous harm. He has so far served only two months of that sentence.

Aporu also told court that Ekodu had become problematic since he bought part of his father's land, alleging that he had already removed the boundary marks three times.

"I stay with Ekodu's father as my brother because he sold to me land. I treat the accused as my son because of the already built relationship. I have helped in raising him since I got him while still young and I really do



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not know why among all other family members, it is him who has decided to behave negatively on me," Aporu told court.

Meanwhile, Ekodu's father, Eligu, told court that the accused was among his sons who refused to attend family meetings organised to

resolve misunderstandings at home.

"Let him be sentenced to seven years such that he can come back as a changed person. I am also fed up with him after doing what I can when he cannot listen to me," Eligu told the court about his son.

He further revealed that Ekodu's

wife left him and married another man after suffering injuries from his violent behaviour.

The magistrate directed Aporu and Eligu, with the help of clan members, local council officials and police, ensure the disputed land boundaries are replanted.

SENTENCE REVISED

Kaberamaido Chief Magistrate Patricia Ndagire revised her earlier decision, stating that sentencing Francis Ekodu to seven years, in addition to the three-year sentence he was already serving [for assaulting his wife], would be excessive.

She expressed hope that the two years for the current offence, plus three years already imposed, would help reform him positively.

Ndagire also warned that keeping him in prison for too long could expose him to hardened criminals and potentially make him more dangerous in future.