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Three jailed for stealing Ministry of Education phones

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KAMPALA. Three people, including two government workers, have been sentenced to between six months and five years in jail for stealing 33 ipads worth about Shs40m that belonged to Ministry of Education officials.

Walter Oludi, who was an assistant storekeeper, was the last of the three to be sentenced yesterday. Unlike his two accomplices who confessed to the crime, he denied the charges which prompted the prosecution to take him through a full trial.

Buganda Road Court Chief Magistrate Jamson Karemani said the prosecution had proved their case beyond reasonable doubt against the accused.

He sentenced Oludi to five years in prison and ordered him to compensate government Shs15m for the stolen items.

He was facing two counts of theft and conspiracy to steal alongside Idi Sebakaki, a special hire driver and Maria Nantongo, 39, who was an office attendant in the Ministry of Education and Sports in Kampala.

Sebakaki and Nantongo pleaded guilty to the offences on their first appearance in court. Nantongo was sentenced to three years in jail and ordered to pay Shs20m to government in compensation for the stolen items. She was later called back as a State witness to testify against Oludi.

Sebakaki was sentenced to six months in jail on his own plea of guilty and ordered to pay Shs500,000 to government as compensation for the stolen ipads.

Nantongo testified that under the ministry's, "Uganda teacher and school effectiveness project", government bought 315 ip-

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ads of Galaxy Tabs-A-S2-L LTE 32GB. Of the 315 ipads, she said 225 were meant for Uganda National Examinations Board and the remaining 90 were for ministry officials and engineering assistants at the ministry.

"Those for Uneb were dis- patched to the body. For the 90 ipads the project assistant, Ms Mary Nicole Kisawuzi, went and signed out 57 only yet she had already signed a general invoice of 90 which she never cancelled. Oludi took advantage that the gadgets had been reflected on the voucher and he connived with me and we stole the Galaxy Tabs," Ms Nantongo testified.

Nantongo further told court that to remove the gadgets from the ministry premises they called Sebakaki, a former intern who helped take them out.

Ms Kisawuzi told court that when she went to the store to collect the remaining 33 gadgets, she was told she signed them off on a general voucher and they had been taken.

This prompted her to report to police about the incident.

Investigations were made and the three people were arrested.