

# University registrar remanded for stealing bull

**SOROTI**

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The academic registrar of Soroti University, James Okello, 56, has been remanded to Soroti government prison for allegedly stealing a bull belonging to the university farm.

Okello, together with the university farm manager, Catherine Amongin, 28, was on Wednesday remanded by Soroti Chief Magistrate Ruth Nabaasa.

Prosecution alleges that on January 15, the two connived to steal a university bull valued at sh1m.

Attempts by Okello and his co-accused to secure bail were rejected by Innocent Wabanda, the lead prosecutor, on grounds that it would interfere with the state witnesses.

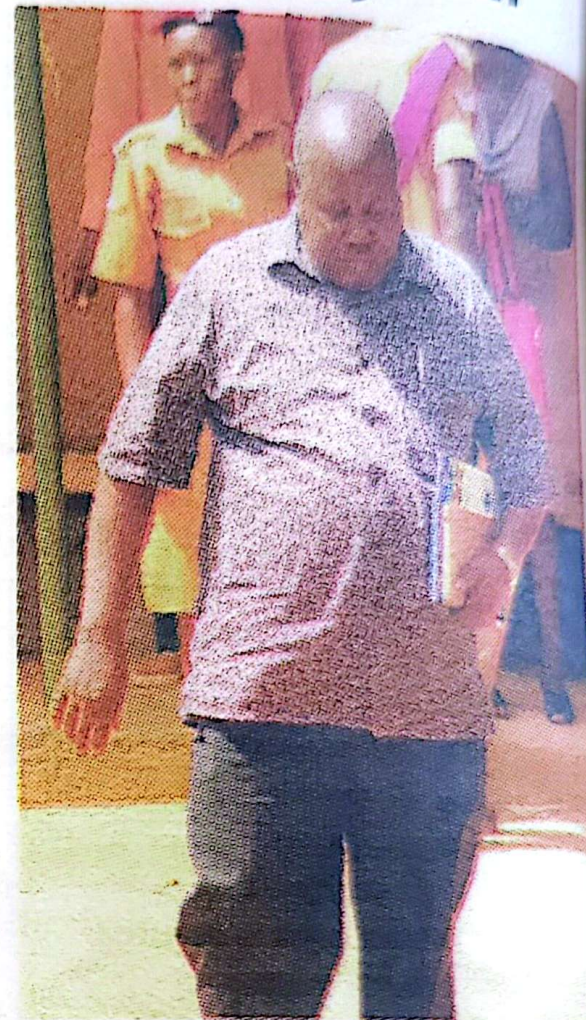
Okello was appearing to make a

plea, but got a shock of his life when the chief magistrate rejected his bail application. They pleaded not guilty.

The two will return to court on February 2, the date the magistrate has set to hear the bail application. Depending on the bail application, the magistrate will fix the date for the commencement of the full trial.

In an interview with *New Vision* prior to the court session, Okello confirmed authorising the farm manager to sell the bull that had aged so that he could procure two Fresian cows. He claims that there are some people who are fighting him so as to occupy his office.

Okello, who was once a deputy registrar at Makerere University before rising through the ranks to Soroti University academic registrar, is in the middle of the controversies that have rocked the university since its inception.



Okello being led to court on Wednesday.  
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