

Namutumba Police officer barred from holding public office

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A Police officer, attached to Ivukula Police post in Namutumba district has been sentenced to four years in prison for soliciting a sh250,000 bribe, as an inducement to release a suspect on Police bond.

Assistant inspector of Police, Moses Kakaire, 55, was recently sentenced in the Anti-Corruption Court after

his arrest in 2013. Kakaire has worked as a Police officer for 30 years.

In his ruling, the presiding principal senior Grade One Magistrate, Julius Borore, ordered Kakaire to pay a fine of sh3m or serve a four-year-jail term.

Kakaire, a father of 25 children was also barred from holding any public office for a period of 10 years from the date

of sentence. He was charged in 2013 on an amended charge sheet of corruption under section 2 (a) and 26 (1) of the Anti-Corruption Act 2009.

"In my view, the convict deserves a non-custodial sentence because he is a first-time offender and has a big family to fend for. In the premise, I accordingly sentence him to fine of sh3m or serve

four years in jail," the magistrate ruled.

The court ruled that prosecution had adduced evidence to prove that Kakaire and others still at large on July 17, 2013 at Ivukula Police post being employed by the Uganda Police Force solicited sh250,000 from Caroline Nakello as an inducement to release her brother, Dennis Wandaga, from the cell,

where he had been detained as a suspect in a theft case.

Borore said it was not disputed that Kakaire directly or indirectly solicited goods of monetary value from Nakello when he was still a public official.

"Solicitation of such gratification was intended by Kakaire as an exchange for an act or mission in the performance of his duties or functions," he noted.