

IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA

AT SUMBAWANGA

MISC. CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 43 OF 2020

(Original Criminal Case No. 124/2019 from Mpanda District Court)

JUSTIN S/O RICHARD @KAWANDAMO.....APPLICANT

VERSUS

THE REPUBLICRESPONDENT

(Application for extension of time to file notice of intention to appeal and petition of appeal to this court from the decision of Mpanda District Court)

RULING

05th - 06th November, 2020.

MRANGO, J

The applicant **JUSTIN S/O RICHARD @KAWANDAMO** has filed this application for extension of time within which to lodge an appeal to this court out of time, that is to say leave be given for him to file both notice of intention to appeal and appeal itself outside the statutory time. This application is made under **section 361(2) of the Criminal Procedure Act, Cap 20, RE. 2002**, (herein referred as "**the CPA**"). The same is supported by the affidavits sworn, drawn and filed by the applicant himself and that of the Officer Incharge of Sumbawanga Prison.

When the application was called on for hearing, the applicant appeared in person, unrepresented; whereas, the respondent *cum* republic had a legal services of Mr. John Kabengula – learned state attorney. The hearing proceeded orally.

Arguing for the application, the applicant prayed to this court to adopt the affidavit he filed. He had nothing more to add.

In reply, Mr. John Kabengula supported the application by the applicant. He said the applicant has advanced sufficient reasons for the prayer to be granted.

I have gone through this court's records and the respective submissions by both parties. The question for determination is whether the applicant has been able to advance sufficient reason for the delay.

It is a cardinal principle that when the time has expired, there must be explanation or material upon which the court may exercise its discretion to extend it. See decisions in the case of **Regional Manager Tanroads Kagera versus Rinaha Concrate Co. Ltd; Civil Application No. 96 of 2007 CAT, unreported and Godwin Ndeweri and Karoli Ishengoma versus Tanzania Indil Corporation (1995) TLR 200 and Republic versus Yona Kaponda and 9 others (1985) TLR 84.**

In the instant application, the applicant through his averment in paragraph 2 and 3 of the affidavit has advanced the reason for the delay being that, failure to lodge an appeal in time was out of his control due to the delay of the copy of judgment and several prison's transfer upon him, therefore the appeal out of time has become due to human imperfectness and was out of his control.

On her part, Mr. John Kabengula had no objection to the application by the applicant as he informed the court that the applicant has advanced sufficient reasons for the application which entitled him to be granted the prayer.

As well this application by the applicant is also supported by the supplementary affidavit of the Officer Incharge of Sumbawanga Prison, who support what was stated by the applicant in his affidavit as to be true.

With that view, I find that the applicant has advanced good cause for the failure to appeal within prescribed period of time. For that reason, I allow the application. The applicant is given a period of ten (10) days from today within which to file the notice of intention to appeal as well forty five (45) days within which to file petition of appeal to this court.

It is so ordered.



D. E. MRANGO

JUDGE

06.11.2020

Date - 06.11.2020
Coram - Hon. D.E. Mrango – J.
Applicant - Present in person
Respondent - Mr. John Kabengula – State Attorney
B/C - Mr. A.K. Sichilima – SRMA

COURT: Ruling delivered today the 06th day of November, 2020 in presence of the Applicant in person, and Mr. John Kabengula - learned State Attorney for the Respondent/Republic

Right of appeal explained.



D.E. MRANGO

JUDGE

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