The District Court of Ilala, Tanzania

240/2013

Republic v Sayi Kapama and Rigorbet Massawe

Court : District Court

Case : Criminal

Date of Judgement : January 18, 2016

Plaintiff : Republic

Defendant : Sayi Kapama and Rigorbet Massawe

Concept : Copyright Unlawful Contact

Statue : Sections 9(1) and 42(1) of the Copyright, and Neighbouring

Rights Act, Chapter 218, R.E.2002

Panel of Justices

Hon. A. A. Sachore

Case Background

The accused stand charged with violation of copyright on 7 accounts that is unlawful reproduction, and distributed copies of different audio visual titled Nakwenda Kwa Mwanangu, Hatia and Glory of Ramadhan without authorisation of the copyright owner.

Procedural History

The District Court of Ilala, Tanzania gave a Judgement of the case

Issue

- Whether the accused persons conspired to commit on offence as alleged or not.
- Whether accused person unlawfully reproduced copies of audio visual without authorisation of copyright owner.
- Whether accused persons unlawful distributed fake copies of audio-visual films contrary to the law or not

Rational

The appeal court upheld and seizure order of pirated DVDs and ordered destruction of the same.

Keywords

Reproduction, Distribution, Piracy