

The District Court of Ilala, Tanzania

814/2011

Republic v Ajay Amarsh Chavda & Another

Court : District Court
Case : Criminal
Date of Judgement : April 27, 2016
Plaintiff : Republic
Defendant : Ajay Amarsh Chavda & Another
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

F.E Haule

Case Background

The accused stand charged with violation of copyright in 12 accounts that is unlawful reproduction, translation, adaptation and distribution of copyrighted/ artistic works in the form of audio visual film works titled Akele Hum Akele Tum without authorisation consent of copyright owners namely Aamiri Khan, Munisha Koirala and Master Adil.

Procedural History

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

Issue

Whether the accused did unlawfully reproduce, translate, adapt and distribute copyrighted/ artistic works in the form of audio visual, visual audio and visual video.

Rational

The appeal court upheld and seizure order of pirated DVDs and ordered destruction of the same. Both Accused's convictions for unlawful conduct were upheld from the lower court. They were fined or in the alternative, ordered to serve a prison term of three years each.

Keywords

Reproduction, Distribution, Piracy