



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

MALAWI JUDICIARY

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAWI

MZUZU DISTRICT REGISTRY

SITTING AT RUMPHI

CRIMINAL CASE NO. 29 of 2017

THE STATE

Vs

PETER MAPILA

CORAM: THE HONORABLE JUSTICE T.R. LIGOWE  
Mr. D. Shaibu Counsel for the State  
Mr. C. Chithope/N. Mdazizira Counsel for the Defence  
Mrs. L.E. Munthali Official Interpreter  
Mrs. R. Luhanga Court Reporter

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LIGOWE, J

ORDER

This Court is not impressed with the work of the investigators for this case. It was to say one least sub-standard work. Why did they arrest the accused when

there was nothing connecting him to the offence? Or have they deliberately withheld the evidence to avoid the culprits from being brought to book?

It is clear from the facts that the deceased was killed by a mob. If the police do not properly investigate such matters and pin the culprits, how shall we discourage the anomaly that comes along with mob justice?

Word must go to the Officer-In-Charge at Rumphu Police Station to look into this seriously. They are responsible for keeping law and order in the district and they must not allow mob justice to prevail. Sometimes it prevails because people are not satisfied with their work as it has happened in this manner.

This was homicide case. How casually then would they handle less serious cases than homicide.

The facts as shown by the evidence do not connect the accused to the offence. He is therefore found not guilty and is acquitted accordingly.

Pronounced in Open Court at Rumphu this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

T.R. Ligowe  
JUDGE