

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAWI PRINCIPAL REGISTRY

CRIMINAL DIVISION - SITTING AT BLANTYRE

HIGH COURT

Review Cause No.20 of 2017 (eCMS 6960 of 2017)

REP

V

FELIX MAKUMBA & MILWARD CHIKOKO

ORDER ON CONFIRMATION

(Justice Kamanga, 11 May 2018)

UPON PERUSING the record of the case and noting that the motion for review which was set down for 13th February 2018 was withdrawn by the legal practitioner for the defendants on the grounds that the defendants had been released on parole by the Malawi Prison Service;

THIS COURT has proceeded to review the criminal matter and finds that the convictions entered by the lower on the two defendants on both counts of the offences of burglary and theft are appropriate and are hereby confirmed.

FURTHER this court finds that while the sentence of 12 months imprisonment that was imposed on the count of theft was appropriate, the punishment of 96 months imprisonment that was imposed for the offence of burglary on each of the offenders was manifestly inadequate considering the circumstances of the case.

THIS COURT reluctantly confirms this lenient sentence for the reasons that the defendants have already been released.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2018 at Chichiri, Blantyre.

Dorothy nyaKaunda Kamanga

JUDGE

Case information:

Defendants

Absent

The State

Served/ absent

Ms. Msimuko

Court Reporter.

Ms. Million

Court Clerk.