



THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI
IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAWI
MZUZU DISTRICT REGISTRY
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO 62 OF 2016
Bail Application

BETWEEN

Blessings Nyondo..... APPLICANT

AND

The Republic RESPONDENT

Coram:

The Honourable Justice D.A. DeGabriele

Mr. W. Nkosi

Mr. G. Nyirenda

Mrs L. Munthali

Mrs R. Luhanga

Counsel for State

Counsel for the applicant

Official Interpreter

Court Reporter

DeGabriele, J

RULING

This matter comes for a bail application pursuant to section 12 of the Bail Guidelines Act, section 118 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence code and section 42 (2)(e) of the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi. The applicant filed an affidavit in support of the application and the State filed an affidavit in response.

The applicant, who comes from Mwamuswelo Village, T/A Mwaulambia in Karonga District, was arrested and incarcerated on 11th September 2016 on allegation that he committed a homicide. He is remanded in prison and he has not been brought to trial and the State is not sure of the time when the applicant will be brought to trial. The applicant had previously applied for bail but the Court had denied granting bail. In this application, the State is not opposing bail, stating that they are not sure

when the trial will commence and that the applicant has overstayed on remand. However, the State prays that strict conditions be set, which conditions will compel the applicant to attend trial.

Having heard submissions made in court and having read the affidavits as filed, I find that it is in the interest of justice that the applicant be granted bail on the following conditions:

1. The applicant must pay MK100,000.00 cash into Court;
2. The applicant must have two honest and reliable sureties with integrity, bonded at MK100,000.00 each, not cash;
3. The applicant must report at the nearest police once every two weeks, on Mondays before 12 noon;
4. The applicant should not leave his village without taking leave of the Officer in Charge of the said nearest police station where he will be reporting;
5. The applicant must surrender any travel documents to the High Court;
6. The examination of sureties will be done before the Registrar.

It is so ordered.

Made in Chambers at MZUZU REGISTRY this 19th day of January 2018


D.A. DECABRIELE
JUDGE