



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

PRESS STATEMENT

MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO BE CHARGED FOR ENGAGING IN PROCUREMENT IRREGULARITIES AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF KSHS. 140 MILLION

1. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has made the decision to charge Murang'a County Government Officials over procurement irregularities amounting to **KES. 140 Million**. This follows an investigation by EACC on procurement irregularities and conflict of interest in the award of publicity tenders by the County Government of Murang'a to M/S Top Image Media Consultancy Ltd in the **Financial Year 2014/2015 and 2015/2016**.
2. *Mwangi Wa Iria, Patrick Kagumu Mukuria, Jane Wanjiru Mbuthia, David Maina Kiama, David Maina Njeri, Jane Waigwe Kimani, Solomon Mutura Kimani, Peter Muturi Karanja*, were found to have engaged in procurement irregularities in the award of publicity tenders to *Top Image Media Consultants Limited and Value View Limited*.

The DPP recommends that the suspects be charged with:

- a. *Conspiracy to commit an offense of corruption Contrary to Section 47A (3) as read with Section 48 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act (ACECA);*
 - b. *Abuse of Office Contrary to Section 46 as read with Section 48 of ACECA;*
 - c. *Unlawful acquisition of public property Contrary to Section 45(1)(a) as read with Section 48 of the ACECA;*
 - d. *Conflict of interest Contrary to Section 42(3) as read with Section 48 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act 2003;*
 - e. *Dealing with suspect property Contrary to Section 47(1) and 47(2) (a) as read with Section 48 of the ACECA;*
 - f. *Money Laundering contrary to Section 3 as read with Section 16 of the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act (POCAML) No. 9 of 2009.*
3. The ODPP remains committed to executing its Constitutional Mandate in accordance with the rule of law and further, with due regard to the Public Interest, the Administration of Justice, and avoidance of abuse of the legal process.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Dated: 13th April, 2024