IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

(SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT REGISTRY) AT SUMBAWANGA

MISC. CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 6 OF 2022

(C/O Sumbawanga DC Economic Crimes Case No. 6 of 2021)

SHABAN S/O NTINGA @ JACKOBO APPLICANT

VERSUS

THE REPUBLIC RESPONDENT

RULING

Date: 07 & 07/02/2022

Nkwabi, J.:

By chamber summons, the applicant is moving this court to grant him bail. The chamber summons is made under section 29(4) (d) and 36(1) of the Economic and Organized Crimes Control Act Cap. 200 R.E. 2002. He was arraigned before Sumbawanga District Court facing one count in an economic crimes case number 6/2021. In the District Court, he stands charged with unlawful possession of Government Trophy contrary to section 86(1) and (2) (b) of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 read together with paragraph 14 of the First schedule to and sections 57(1) and 60(2) of the Economic and Organized Crime Control, Act [CAP. 200 R.E. 2002.

The application was supported by the affidavit of the applicant. The application was not resisted by the respondent, as he did not file a counter affidavit. It is common place that where an application is not countered through an affidavit in reply, that application is deemed to be admitted, see Martin D. Kumalija & 117 Others v. Iron and Steel Ltd. Civil Application No. 70/18 of 2018 (CAT), (unreported):

As hinted earlier, the respondent, for obviously an inexplicable cause, filed no affidavit in reply after being served with the notice of motion. We must hasten to observe, therefore, that the absence of an affidavit in reply means that averments in the supporting affidavit are uncontroverted.

After hearing both parties, and since the respondent does not object this bail application. He merely prayed this court to consider the provisions of section 36(4)(e) and section 36(5) (a) of the Economic and Organized Crimes Control Act. With the provisions of law in my mind and without much ado, I grant the application for bail as it is a legal right of the applicant. Bail conditions to follow as hereunder:

- 1. The applicant shall be out on bail upon depositing cash money to the tune of Tshs. 17,265,000/= equivalent to half of the value of the trophies or deposit title deed of immovable property whose value is proved through government valuer's report to be not less than T.shs 17,265,000/= equivalent to half of the value of the trophies.
- 2. The applicant shall have two reliable sureties who shall execute bail bond at T.shs 17,265,000/= each. Each surety shall have introductory letter from local government leader(s) of their locality where they reside.
- 3. Since the applicant ought to appear in the trial court, such appearance on the fixed date shall be deemed as reporting to the authority.
- The applicant has to surrender any travel document that he possesses,
 if any.
- 5. The applicant shall not travel outside the jurisdiction of the High Court Sumbawanga Zone during the pendency of Economic crimes case the subject of this application for bail, save with the permission of the learned trial Magistrate.

6. Ascertainment of compliance with the bail conditions set hereinabove shall be conducted by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court.

It is so ordered.

DATED at **SUMBAWANGA** this 7th day of February, 2022.

J. F. Nkwabi,

JUDGE