



**Maraga v Republic (Criminal Revision 287 of 2024)  
[2024] KEHC 15442 (KLR) (9 December 2024) (Ruling)**

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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
IN THE HIGH COURT AT KIBERA  
CRIMINAL REVISION 287 OF 2024  
DR KAVEDZA, J  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**BETWEEN**

**MICHAEL WANYONYI MARAGA ..... APPLICANT**

**AND**

**REPUBLIC ..... RESPONDENT**

**RULING**

1. The applicant was charged and convicted of the offence of burglary contrary to section 304(2) of the *Penal Code*. The applicant was sentenced to serve four (4) years imprisonment.
2. He filed the present application and an affidavit in support of his motion seeking sentence review. The arguments raised are that the trial court failed to consider the time he spent in remand custody during the computation of his sentence.
3. I have considered the application, the affidavit in support and the applicable law. I have also considered the trial court record. The issue for consideration is whether the trial court considered the time the applicant spent in remand custody.
4. The proviso to section 333 (2) of the *Criminal Procedure Code* obligates the court to take into account the time already spent in custody. The duty to take in account the period an accused person had remained in custody in sentencing under the proviso to section 333(2) of the *Criminal Procedure Code* which is couched in mandatory terms was acknowledged by the Court of Appeal in *Abamad Abolfathi Mohammed & Another vs. Republic* [2018] eKLR and *Bethwel Wilson Kibor vs. Republic* [2009] eKLR and more recently in the High Court case of *Vincent Sila Jona & 87 others vs Kenya Prison Service & 2 others* [2021] eKLR.
5. It is therefore clear that it is mandatory that the period which an accused has been held in custody prior to being sentenced be taken into account in meting out the sentence where it is not hindered by other provisions of the law.



6. From the record, the applicant was arrested on August 27, 2023, and was never released on bail or bond until his conviction on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. He, therefore, spent eight (8) months three (3) days in remand custody. From the record, that the period was not factored in during his sentencing.
7. Guided by the law, the court is of the view that the application ought to be considered, as failure to do so would amount to denying the applicant a right due to the failure of the court to discharge an obligation bestowed upon it by law.
8. I thus allow the application and order that the sentence imposed shall be computed less by eight (8) months three (3) days spent in remand custody during his trial.

Orders accordingly.

**RULING DATED AND DELIVERED VIRTUALLY THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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**D. KAVEDZA**

**JUDGE**

