



**Republic v Kairethia (Criminal Case 9 of 2019)
[2025] KEHC 14771 (KLR) (7 October 2025) (Sentence)**

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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT AT MERU
CRIMINAL CASE 9 OF 2019
SM GITHINJI, J
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

BETWEEN

REPUBLIC PROSECUTION

AND

KEITH KAIRETHIA ACCUSED

SENTENCE

1. This is an old matter of 2019. The accused voluntarily offered himself to plead guilty. Acceptance of an offence and subsequent consequences is by itself an act of appreciation of the offence and remorse. He is therefore remorseful.
2. He has been in custody since January, 2019 which means for a period of about 6 years of which need counts on his eventual sentence.
3. The Pre-Sentence report is positive, as the family is willing to support his rehabilitation and reintegration into the society.
I have also considered that he is a first offender.
4. On the other side, the offence is serious and carries on the upper side a death sentence. An innocent life was lost in the offence and the sentence needs reflect that and act as a deterrence.
5. Weighing all the foregoing circumstances, I do find that a sentence of 10 years imprisonment is appropriate. The sentence has well taken care of the period spent in custody of about 6 years, which without would have entitled him to 16 years imprisonment.

He will serve 10 years imprisonment.

DATED AND DELIVERED AT MERU THIS 7TH OCTOBER, 2025

S. M. GITHINJI



JUDGE

