



**Republic v Koech (Criminal Case E028 of 2024)  
[2025] KEHC 18785 (KLR) (4 December 2025) (Ruling)**

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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
IN THE HIGH COURT AT KERICHO  
CRIMINAL CASE E028 OF 2024  
JK SERGON, J  
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

**BETWEEN**

**REPUBLIC ..... PROSECUTOR**

**AND**

**CLINTON KOECH ..... ACCUSED**

**RULING**

1. Clinton Koech, the Applicant herein is before this Court on trial on the information of Murder. The particulars of the offence are that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 at around 1700 hours at Chomisian Village, Tulwet Location Bureti Sub-County within Kericho County murdered Bernard Koech.
2. The Applicant has now sought to be admitted to bail pending trial. This is the second application since his first application was dismissed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025 on the basis that the home environment was hostile hence not safe for the Applicant to be released on bond. It is the Applicant’s submission that the circumstances at the home environment have changed.
3. This Court directed the Probation Officer to file a fresh Pre-bail Report. This Court has considered the Pre-bail Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. In the Report, it is indicated that the Accused’s family members are not happy and are not willing to welcome him home if released on bond.
4. The family further stated that the home environment is still hostile hence the Applicant’s safety is not guaranteed. The County Probation Officer proposed to this Court to withheld releasing the Applicant on bond.
5. In the end, this Court is convinced that the circumstances at the Accused’s home environment have not changed. The fact that the safety of the Applicant is compromised is in itself a compelling reason. Consequently, I decline the Applicant’s request to be admitted to bail.

**DATED, SIGNED AND DELIVERED AT KERICHO THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.**



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**J. K. SERGON**

**JUDGE**

In the Presence of:-

C/Assistant – Rutoh

Prosecutor – Chelangat

Accused – Present in Person

No Appearance for Kiprono for Accused

