



**Republic v Karambu (Criminal Case E035 of 2023)
[2026] KEHC 462 (KLR) (26 January 2026) (Sentence)**

Neutral citation: [2026] KEHC 462 (KLR)

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT AT MERU
CRIMINAL CASE E035 OF 2023
HM NYAGA, J
JANUARY 26, 2026**

BETWEEN

REPUBLIC PROSECUTION

AND

LUCY KARAMBU ACCUSED

SENTENCE

1. The accused was convicted of the offence of manslaughter contrary to section 202 as read with section 205 of the Penal Code.
2. I have considered the mitigation, submissions and the pre-sentence report filed herein.
3. The court has a duty of balancing the aggravating and the mitigating factors.
4. This was a case of mob justice or injustice. The deceased was accused of stealing maize.
5. Instead of taking legal steps to seek redress, the accused and others decided to mete out their own form of justice with tragic consequences.
6. The court has a duty to ensure that this kind of incident is not practised and with no thought given to the consequences. A life was needlessly lost.
7. After considering the matter, I sentence the accused to three (3) years imprisonment. The sentence will be deemed to have commenced on 27th October 2025 when she was remanded into custody after her conviction.
8. Right of appeal is explained.

SIGNED, DATED AND DELIVERED AT MERU THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

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H.M. NYAGA
JUDGE

