



**Republic v Khatela (Criminal Case 19 of 2019)  
[2024] KEHC 616 (KLR) (26 January 2024) (Ruling)**

Neutral citation: [2024] KEHC 616 (KLR)

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
IN THE HIGH COURT AT KAKAMEGA  
CRIMINAL CASE 19 OF 2019  
PJO OTIENO, J  
JANUARY 26, 2024**

**BETWEEN**

**REPUBLIC ..... PROSECUTOR**

**AND**

**JOHN NYONGESA KHATELA ..... ACCUSED**

**RULING**

1. An appraisal of the evidence recorded from the six witnesses called by the prosecution connect the Accused to the death of the deceased in a manner that calls for him to say something towards controverting that connection.
2. On this basis, the Court finds that a prima facie case has been established, the Accused is found to have a case to answer and thus placed on his defence.
3. Defence hearing on May 20, 2024.

**DATED, SIGNED AND DELIVERED IN KAKAMEGA THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.**

**PATRICK J. O. OTIENO**

**JUDGE**

**In the presence of:**

Accused in person

Mr. Osango for the Accused

Ms. Chala for the Prosecution

Court Assistant: Polycap

