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Prosecution secures a conviction in Willie Kimani Murder Case

The High Court in Nairobi has convicted three police officers and a police informer over the murder of lawyer Willie Kimani, his client Josephat Mwendwa and taxi driver Joseph Muiruri. A fourth police officer, Leonard Mwangi, was acquitted.



Prosecution team led by Special Prosecutor, Mr. Nicholas Mutuku (2nd Left) and Prosecution Counsel, Ms. Betty Rubia (Left) at the High Court during the Judgment of Willie Kimani, Josephat Mwendwa and Joseph Muiruri murder case.

While reading the judgement, Hon. Lady Justice Jessie Lessit, found police officers: Fredrick Leliman, Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku and police informer, Peter Ngugi, guilty over three counts of murder.

Prosecution led by Special Prosecutor, Mr. Nicholas Mutuku, assisted by Prosecution Counsel, Ms. Betty Rubia, proved the case beyond any reasonable doubt. Prosecution had presented 46 witnesses and 117 exhibits during the trial.



Accused persons standing (R-L) Fredrick Leliman, Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku and police informer, Peter Ngugi, during the judgment.

Bodies of the human rights lawyer, Willie Kimani was found dead with injuries alongside that of his client, Josephat Mwendwa and a taxi driver Joseph Muiruri after the trio went missing on 22nd June, 2016. Their decomposing bodies were recovered on 1st July, 2016 from the Ol-Donyo Sabuk River.

Justice Lessit said that the case will come up for mention on 23rd September, 2022, to confirm victim impact assessments and give further directions.