



Press Release - Clarification Maxwell Chongu Acquittal

The National Prosecution Authority (NPA) has noted with concern the stories circulating on various media platforms alleging that Mr. Maxwell Chongu was acquitted on all the charges he is facing emanating from the investigations conducted by the Drug Enforcement Commission. The NPA wishes to clarify this erroneous position by stating that Mr. Maxwell Chongu was acquitted on a charge of Unlawful Wounding contrary to section 232 of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. This was a matter tried by Honourable Mwamfuli at the Subordinate Courts in Lusaka. The NPA wishes to categorically state that Mr. Maxwell Chongu was not acquitted on cases of a financial nature triable by the Economic and Financial Crimes Court as has been erroneously indicated. Further, the NPA wishes to entreat all that ply their trade as journalists to desist from erroneous reporting as doing so has the potential of undermining the fight against crime.

A copy of the Ruling is attached on the NPA website.