

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

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PRESS RELEASE

ACC INDICTS SALIHU SHEKU NYALLAY, FORMER ACTING PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT OF THE JUDICIARY OF SIERRA LEONE ON THREE COUNTS OF CORRUPTION OFFENCES

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), has on the 4th May, 2021, filed an indictment against SALIHU SHEKU NYALLAY, former Acting Principal Accountant of the Judiciary of Sierra Leone, and of No. 5² Upper Tengbeh Town, on a total of three (3) counts of corruption offences; two (2) bordering on Misappropriation of Public Funds contrary to Section 36(1), and one (1) on Conspiracy to Commit a Corruption Offence, contrary to Section 128(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 12 of 2008, as amended by the Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2019.

According to the particulars of offence, on the 14th day of March 2019, at Freetown in the Western Area of the Republic of Sierra Leone, SALIHU SHEKU NYALLAY misappropriated public funds in the sum of Twenty-Four Million Leones (Le24,000,000) and Thirty-Five Million Leones (Le35,000,000) by signing cheques numbered 00082306 and 00082305 respectively, thereby facilitating the encashment of the said cheques which were encashed on the 15th March, 2019, from the Master and Registrar High Court Account numbered 012003586 domiciled at the Bank of Sierra Leone, thereby causing the Judiciary of Sierra Leone to be deprived of the said funds.

In a similar vein, SALLIEU SHEKU NYALLAY on a date unknown, between the 13th day of March and the 15th day of March 2019, at Freetown in the Western Area of the Republic of Sierra Leone conspired with other persons unknown to misappropriate public funds in the sum of Fifty-Nine Million Leones (Le59,000,000) from the Master and Registrar High Court Account numbered 012003586 domiciled at the Bank of Sierra Leone.

The indictee is expected to appear in the High Court of Sierra Leone Holden at Freetown on Friday 7th May, 2021.

The Commission wishes to reassure the general public of its continued resolve to address public sector corruption and all other levels of corruption in Sierra Leone.

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