

Faulty court equipment leads to postponement of “Big Joe” case

The case against the alleged poaching kingpin has been postponed by more than four months.

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Update:

The court case against the alleged poaching kingpin, Joseph "Big Joe" Nyalungu, has been postponed until February 14, 2022, when his trial will expectedly begin in the Skukuza Regional Court.

According to Monica Nyuswa, the spokesperson of the National Prosecuting Authority, the trial was postponed because the court's recording equipment was out of order.

Nyalungu would have appeared with his South African co-accused on Tuesday September 21, while the accused from Mozambique were expected to appear on Thursday September 23.

It is unclear at this stage whether the foreign nationals will still appear on September 23.

Alleged poaching kingpin, Big Joe, and co-accused set to appear in Skukuza (September 20 @ 21:15)

The alleged poaching kingpin, Joseph "Big Joe" Nyalungu, and his co-accused are finally appearing in the Skukuza Regional Court on September 21 on poaching-related charges.

His co-accused from both South Africa and Mozambique will be appearing, except for three of the Mozambican nationals who have since disappeared: David Sisangwe, Colisto Massada and Checo Cossa, who was deported.

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According to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), Nyalungu's co-accused are Conrad Nkuna and four other South Africans, Happy Zitha (37) of Calcutta, Lang Nguyen (28) of Johannesburg, Tabang Shakwane (37) of Kaapmuiden, and Elijah Ngubeni (39) of KaBokweni.

The six Mozambican accused are Timothy Mcube (44), David Sigangwe (29), Colisto Massada (26), Zeka Santos (31), Checo Cossa (37) and Sam Mashaba (23).

The NPA also stated that Nguyen will not appear, as arrangements have been made with her lawyer.