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**County to mark East Africa's first flight**

The county will celebrate the historic first flight in East Africa on October 8, authorities have disclosed. Governor John Mruttu (above) said the event will be held at the oldest airstrip in East and Central Africa in Maktau. Records show that the first air-flight in East Africa occurred at this airstrip on October 3 in 1915 during First World War. "On the October 3 this year it will be 101 years since the first recorded flight in East Africa took to the skies. From last year the county government has celebrated this annual event with the support of Sarova Hotels, Aero Clubs of Kenya, Guerrillas of Tsavo, Lions Bluff, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and Kenya tourism Board among other partners," he said.

isa with machetes and knives be-  
robbing them of mobile phones.  
The six, who appeared before  
Magistrate Douglas Ogoti, de-  
d the charges.

The accused are charged that on  
ust 9, 2016, at Tononoka in Moma,  
a, they robbed Olang'o of a mo-  
phone worth Sh20,000 and an-  
er one from Karisa worth Sh8,000.  
Prosecutor Sarah Ogweno applied  
ave all the accused subjected to  
assessment before they could ap-  
for bond.

he said that all the accused  
ed like minors and it was import-  
their age to be verified before they  
proceed any further.

**AGE ASSESSMENT**

The accused look like they mi-  
s and I am informed that some of  
n are students. Therefore I apply  
an age assessment be done and  
robation report presented before  
can proceed any further with bond  
lication," said Ogweno.

However, defence lawyer Yusuf  
Abakar raised an objection saying  
e the accused had taken plea, they  
e entitled to bail.

He said police had an obligation of  
ifying the accused age before ar-  
ning them in court.

"The accused have already been  
arged and taken plea and Article 49  
he Constitution states that once an  
used has pleaded to the charges,  
y are entitled to bail unless propo-  
sition applies to limit their right,"  
d Abubakar.

The lawyer said the magistrate  
s the discretion to grant the ac-  
ced bail.

Ogoti directed that all the seven be  
bjected to age assessment to veri-