

IN THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
SITTING IN ITS MARCH TERM, A.D. 2023

BEFORE HER HONOR: SIE-A-NYENE G. YUOH.....CHIEF JUSTICE  
BEFORE HER HONOR: JAMESETTA H. WOLOKOLIE.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
BEFORE HIS HONOR: JOSEPH N. NAGBE.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
BEFORE HIS HONOR: YUSSIF D. KABA.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
BEFORE HIS HONOR: YAMIE QUIQUI GBEISAY, SR.....ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

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Roosevelt Demann of the City of Monrovia, )  
Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia )  
.....Appellant )

Versus

) APPEAL

The Republic of Liberia..... Appellee )

GROWING OUT OF THE CASE: )

Republic of Liberia.....Plaintiff )

Versus

) CRIME: MURDER

Roosevelt Demann of the City of Liberia )  
.....Defendant )

JUDGMENT

When this case was called for hearing, Counsellors Augustine C. Fayiah and T. Joseph Debbleh appeared for the appellant. Counsellor Wesseh A. Wesseh of the Ministry of Justice appeared for the appellee.

Having heard the arguments, reviewed the facts and circumstances revealed by the records, and examined the laws controlling, it is hereby

ADJUDGED:

That in a criminal case, the right of the accused to produce evidence, confront witnesses against him, not to produce evidence against himself or to compel appearance of witnesses to testify for him are constitutionally protected rights pursuant to Article 21(h) of the Liberian Constitution (1986); therefore, the trial court committed reversible error when it denied the appellant from testifying for himself.

WHEREFORE and in view of the foregoing, the final ruling of the trial court is reversed and the case is ordered remanded for a new trial. The Clerk of this Court is ordered to send a mandate to the court below commanding the judge presiding therein to resume jurisdiction over this case and enforce this Judgment. Costs are disallowed. AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDERED.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE  
HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
LIBERIA, THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2023.

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Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh  
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

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Jamesetta Howard Wolokolie  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

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Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr.  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

Mr. Justice Joseph N. Nagbe did not participate  
in the hearing and determination of this case;  
hence, he did not sign this judgment.