



A WOMAN SENTENCED TO LIFE TIME IMPRISONMENT

Judge Garlawolu Sentences Woman to Life for Gruesomely Killing Three Grandchildren

Judge Serena F. Garlawolu, Presiding Judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit Court in Nimba County, has for gruesomely killing her three grandchildren in Nimba County.

Defendant Mary Giah, the grandmother who gruesomely murdered her three grandchildren on February 21, 2026, at midnight in Mehnla Town, District #9, Nimba County, has been adjudged Guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The indictment charged the Defendant with Murder and alleged that on February 21, 2026 at midnight hours in Mehnla Town, District #9, Nimba County, defendant Mary Giah with malice aforethought, purposely, intentionally, and criminally used a knife and razor-blade and killed Alvina Tokpah (a two year old girl), Mewaseh Giah (a four year old boy) and Marvelous Zainsaye (a seven year old boy) thereby manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life.

Upon reading the indictment to the defendant to ascertain her plea, the defendant pleaded “**Guilty**” to the crime charged. Still, this Court set aside the Guilty plea, and a “**Not Guilty**” plea was entered in keeping with Chapter 16, Subchapter 16.4 of the Criminal Procedure Law of Liberia, to allow the State to prove its case against the Defendant by producing evidence.

During the trial, the State paraded two witnesses who testified to their certain knowledge, with corroboration, thereby linking the defendant to the commission of the crime charged.

Judge Garlawolo relied on several provisions of the law indicating that, “The Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia has opined in the case **RL v Chakpadeh [1988] LRSC 105; 35LLR 715, Syl. 4, that: Prima facie evidence is evidence sufficient to establish the fact unless rebutted**”.

The Judge in her ruling further said, “In the instant case, the Prosecution produced two witnesses who testified before the Court to their certain knowledge and linked the defendant to the wicked act committed against the victims, which testimonies were not rebutted by the defendant; instead, she took the stand and confirmed that yes, she is the main killer of the victims. It is the law that what is not denied is deemed admitted. **See 1LCLR Chapter 9, subchapter 9.8, paragraph 3. “Effect of failure to deny.”**”

In conclusion, she noted, “This Court says that considering the evidence adduced at trial as well as the witnesses’ testimonies, it is sufficient proof that the State has established a prima facie case against the defendant. **See 1LCLR Chapter 25 subchapter 25.5. Best Evidence.** Hence, Defendant Mary Giah is hereby ADJUDGED GUILTY of the crime of MURDER.