



Court Denies Motion To Suppress Evidence

In Armed Robbery Case

The First Judicial Circuit Criminal Court “D” Assize at the Temple of Justice has denied a motion to suppress evidence in an ongoing Armed Robbery case involving one Abraham Jalloh, A.K.A. (HP), and others whom the State is prosecuting for Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Criminal Conspiracy.

One of the legal counsels representing the State is Cllr. Jonah A. Kerkulah, while one of the counsels representing the defendants is Cllr. Juah D. Bestman of the Public Defender's Office.

On Monday, August 17, 2026, Presiding Judge, Her Honor Mameita Jabateh-Sirleaf, ruled that statements made by Jalloh during police investigation are admissible. The court found that his Miranda rights were read to him and that he voluntarily waived them.

The prosecution cited a Supreme Court case, *Wright Jr. v. Republic of Liberia* (2010), and a police charge sheet dated February 17, 2026, to support its argument.

On the other hand, the Public Defense lawyers argued that Jalloh's rights were violated and raised issues of jurisdiction, but the court said it would only hear the issue of Armed robbery. It denied the motion and ordered the trial to proceed.

It can be recalled that, between April 2025 and February 2026, Jalloh and others were indicted for Armed robbery, Criminal conspiracy, and Aggravated assault. The indictment indicated that Jalloh and others were armed with guns and knives and attacked residents in Zubah Town. The indictment pointed out that the incidents involved the robbery of US\$875 and L\$49,000 from Aboubacar Diallo's shop, while another involved an attack on Deontee Krakue while she was in her car.

Meanwhile, the trial is expected to continue upon notice of assignment.