



“Jury Tampering Threatens Justice in Liberia” ...Judge Carey Warns

The Resident Circuit Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit Court, Bomi County, His Honor T. Ciapha Carey, has issued a stern warning that jury tampering is a grave offense that undermines fairness and justice in Liberia’s legal system.

Speaking at the formal opening of the August Term of Court on Monday, August 10, 2026, Judge Carey explained that jury tampering occurs when someone attempts to improperly influence jurors through bribery, threats, gifts, messages, or even social media pressure.

He cautioned that offenders will face severe consequences, including hefty fines and lengthy prison sentences.

Judge Carey's remarks follow his recent ruling in which two jurors, Marcus Seh and Kunwon Tulay, were found guilty of Misconduct and sentenced to thirty (30) days' imprisonment at the Tubmanburg Central Prison, with forfeiture of their juror compensation.

He stressed that such acts erode the integrity of verdicts, diminish public trust in the courts, and risk wrongful convictions or acquittals.

To safeguard the jury system, Judge Carey urged Liberians serving as jurors to perform their civic duty with honesty by following judicial instructions, and called on communities to immediately report any attempt to contact or intimidate jurors.

"Jury service is a civic duty, not a money-making market. Prospective jurors must be aware of the consequences of misconduct. The courtroom only works if everyone protects it. Judges apply the law, lawyers argue the case, and jurors bring fairness. When we protect the jury, we protect justice itself. So let's guard that process. Don't tamper. Don't cheat. Don't cut corners," he reminded.