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PRESS RELEASE

ACC INDICTS GIBRILLA KAMARA AND MICHAEL ABDULAI ON CORRUPTION OFFENCES ARISING FROM THE CORRUPT SALE OF COVID-19 VACCINATION CARDS TO UNVACCINATED PERSONS

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), has on 26th July, 2021, filed an indictment against GIBRILLA KAMARA, a Western Area Urban DICOVERC Mobilization Officer, and of No. 55 Leicester Road, Freetown; and MICHAEL ABDULAI, also a Western Area Urban DICOVERC Mobilization Officer, and of No. 7 Mends Street, off Circular Road, Freetown, on three (3) Counts of corruption offences involving; Conspiracy to Commit a Corruption Offence, contrary to Section 128(1); Abuse of Office, contrary to Section 42(1), and Accepting an Advantage, contrary to Section 28(2) of the Anti-Corruption Act No.12 of 2008, as amended by the Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2019, respectively.

According to the particulars of offence, both GIBRILLA KAMARA and MICHAEL ABDULAI, who are mobilization officers with the DICOVERC, on diverse days between the 1st July, 2021 and 5th July, 2021 conspired with other unknown persons to sell fake COVID-19 vaccination cards, at a cost of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Leones (Le 350,000.00) per card, to non-vaccinated individuals who want to abstain from taking approved vaccination jabs but nonetheless access government buildings and bypass other national COVID-19 restrictions, contrary to NACOVERC regulations.

It could be recalled that the accused persons, GIBRILLA KAMARA and MICHAEL ABDULAI, were both arrested two weeks ago, in a SCORPION SQUAD videoed anti-corruption intelligence and sting operation selling fake vaccine cards to members of the public in the Central Business District of Freetown.

They are both expected to make their first appearance in the High Court of Sierra Leone Holden at Freetown on 29th July, 2021.

The Commission wishes to reassure the general public of its continued determination to curb corruption at all levels in Sierra Leone.

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