Motto: "Defending the Rights of Vulnerable Groups in Society"

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## AFTER ALMOST 14 MONTHS IN DETENTION, BAIL HAS BEEN FINALLY GRANTED TO MOHAMED KAMARAINBA MANSARAY

The Executive Director of LEGAL LINK, Lawyer Rashid Dumbuya can authoritatively confirm that Mohamed Kamarainba Mansaray has been granted bail today, 7th September 2021 by Justice Samuel Omodele Taylor, presiding judge in the case of Mohamed Kamarainba and another holding at the Sexual Offences Model Court in Freetown.

It could be recalled that Mohamed Kamarainba was charged to court in July 2020 for sexual-related offences and has been denied bail ever since. After spending almost 14 months at the Male Correctional Centre with depraved health condition, the Presiding Judge used his unfettered discretion in today's proceedings by granting bail to both accused persons.

In an interview with the Presiding Judge, the summary of the bail conditions as set out for both Accused persons are as follows:

Bail was granted in the sum of 100 million Leones each for both of the accused persons; two sureties each in like sum, one of the sureties to be a property owner with title deeds and property to be situated in the Western Area of the Republic of Sierra Leone. The originals of title deeds to be deposited to the Master and Registrar and both Accused persons and their sureties to produce two passport sized pictures respectively. Proof of residency and identity are also required. First Accused (Kamarianba) to report three times a week to the Master and Registrar and sign an attendance register created for that purpose. The second accused person who resides in Kono to report twice a week to the Master and Registrar and also sign an attendance register. All travelling documents (both international and national) of accused persons to be deposited to the Master and Registrar until the matter is fully determined by the court.

LEGAL LINK thank all the defence counsels for their relentless effort in fighting for bail for the accused persons and also all civil right activists and organizations that advocated for the granting of bail to Mohamed Kamarainba Mansaray in particular.

While we continue to condemn perpetrators of sexual violence, rape and sexual penetration in Sierra Leone, we shall equally continue to appeal for fair trial rights to be guaranteed to all Accused persons charged before the courts for criminal offences.

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