

URGENT UPDATE: U.S. Citizen Paul Jamaal King Charged and Detained, Request for Consular Awareness, Welfare, and Medical Access

Dear American Citizen Services Unit,

My name is Bernice Grigsby-King, wife of Mr. Paul Jamaal King, DOB: 03/19/1972, a United States citizen currently in Liberia.

I am writing to provide an urgent update regarding my previous communication and to request continued consular awareness and welfare monitoring concerning my husband's situation.

I have been informed by my husband's legal counsel that Mr. King has now been formally charged and is currently being detained at the police headquarters in Liberia pending his court appearance scheduled for Tuesday.

My husband voluntarily returned to Liberia from the United States to cooperate with authorities regarding an ongoing investigation. Prior to his return, he communicated his willingness to assist with the process and was provided assurances of protection through the Ministry of Justice and the Witness Protection Agency due to his cooperation and safety concerns.

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As his wife, I am deeply concerned about his welfare, safety, and due process protections now that he is being detained. I am also especially concerned about his health, as he has ongoing health needs that require him to maintain his daily medications, prescribed regimen, and health supplements. Ensuring that he has continued access to these medications and proper medical care is extremely important for his wellbeing while he remains in custody.

I fully respect Liberia's legal process, and my request is not for interference with the investigation or court proceedings. I am respectfully requesting that the U.S. Embassy be aware of his current detention status, monitor his welfare, and provide any appropriate consular assistance available to him as a U.S. citizen abroad, including confirming that his health and medication needs are being addressed.

For coordination and verification, his contacts in Liberia are:

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