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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
MONROVIA, Liberia

Joint Special Investigation Team Under the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

POLICE CHARGE SHEET

Defendant: **Jewel Howard Taylor**, SEX: **Female**, Age: **63yrs**;
Tribe: **Kpelle**, Address: **Congo Town**, Date of Birth: **January 17, 1963**, ; Place of Birth: **Zorzor, Lofa County**; Nationality: **Liberian**; Father's Name: **Moses Y. Howard**, Mother's Name: **Nora Giddings Howard**; Marital Status: **single**; Heights: **5'4"**; Weight: **NIL**; Complexion: Fair Complexion: **Medium**; Eye Color: **Black**; Hair Color: **Black**; Scar/Mark(s): **Nil**; Deformities: **Nil**;
Charge(S): Section 14. 83, Importation of Controlled Drugs; 84, Unlicensed Exportation of Controlled Drugs and Substance, Section 14. 85, Unlicensed Sale, Trading In-Transit and Transportation of Controlled Substances, Section 14.93, Illicit Trafficking, Section 10.2, Criminal Conspiracy, Section 10.4, Criminal Facilitation, Section 10.3, Criminal Solicitation, 15.52.1 Money Laundering 12.5 Aiding Consummation of Crime Accomplices: **Taras Zadereiko alias Tony, Mihovil Vrovac alias Michael, Nikola Ivancic** and others to be identified Date of Offence: **2022-2026**, Place of Offence: **Republic of Liberia** Date of Arrest: **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**: Arresting Officer: **Raffell A. Wilson**: Rank: **Deputy Commissioner of Police**: Complainant: **Republic of Liberia**,



DETAILS OF OFFENSE

That in 2021, Sheik Bashiru Kante brought to Liberia **Taras Zadereiko alias Tony and Mihovil Vrovac alias Michael**. While the two Foreign Nationals were in Liberia, they conspired with Sheik Bashiru Kante to IMPORT and EXPORT COCAINE in and out of Liberia to Europe.

In the same 2021, **Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac Michael** and their cohorts to include but not limited to Sheik Bashiru Kante purposely decided to contact Top Level Government officials in order to protect their organized Transnational Crime Scheme (TRAFFICKING in COCAINE) as such, Sheik Bashiru Kante in the year (2022) introduced **Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac** to defendant **Jewel Howard Taylor**, then Vice President of Liberia and a close associate to Sheik Bashiru Kante.

After the introduction, defendant **Jewel Howard Taylor** met Sheik Bashiru Kante, **Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac** at her Sophie residence, located Congo Town, Montserrado County in early 2022. During the meeting at defendant Jewel Howard Taylor residence, **Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac** invited her to travel to Duba, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to meet with

their boss named Nikola Ivancic, a Croatian National and a King Pin (RING LEADER) of the Cocaine Trans-National Crime Cartel. In Dubai, they lodged at H. Hotel, located at Trade Centre Round About, Sheikh Zayed Road where a meeting was held about using Liberia as transit point for the illicit trafficking of cocaine to which she agreed.

While **defendant Jewel Howard Taylor** was in Dubai, she was received forty-five thousand United States dollars (US\$45,000.00) by **Nikola Ivancic** for shopping in the presence of Bashiru Kante, **Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac**. Upon **defendant Jewel Howard Taylor** returned to Liberia, she maintained strong ties with the Cocaine cartel, she requested and received seventy-five thousand United States dollars (US\$75,000.00) from the hierarchy of the cartel through Sheik Bashiru Kante for her entity (Jewel Star Fish Foundation), while the cartel continues to Import and export Cocaine in and out of Liberia, and she maintained constant contacts and engagements with the cartel operating cells to the effect that she again requested and received through Sheik Bashiru Kante the amount of fifteen thousand United States dollars (US\$ 15,000.00) in August 2026, and she extended appreciation to Nikola Ivancic, the Kingpin for the cartel which can be heard on an AUDIO RECORDING.

Even though, defendant **Jewel Howard Taylor** is knowledgeable of the law that COCAINE is an illicit drugs, yet she knowingly collaborated and conspired with those operating the Cocaine cartel by having meetings, receiving cash, consented to the Drugs Trafficking operations, used her office and influence, provided support and protection to the cartel illegal dealings in Liberia, Wherefore, on August 19, 2026, she was arrested by the Joint National Security Team of investigators, informed of her Constitutional Rights and was represented by Cllr. Kabineh M. Ja'neh, Cllr. J. Lavela Supuwood and Cllr. Sandra K. Howard in whose presence she chose to remain silent.

Wherefore of the established facts, coupled with the pieces of evidence (travel records to meet with Nikola Ivancic in Dubai, audio recording and witnesses' testimonies confirming her participation/association with members of the criminal network (Cocaine trafficking), the investigation herewith charged defendant **Jewel Howard Taylor** with the below offences;

Under chapter 14 of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act of 2023, Chapters 10, 12 and 15

Sections:

14.83 Unlicensed Importation of Controlled Drugs or Substances

14.84 Unlicensed Exportation of Controlled Drugs or Substances

14.85 Unlicensed Sale, Trading, Administration, Dispensation, Delivery, Distribution, Dispatch in Transit and Transportation of Controlled Drug and Substance.

14.93 Illicit Trafficking

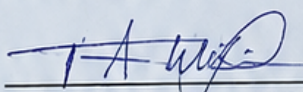
10.2 Criminal Facilitation

10.3 Criminal Solicitation

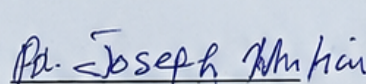
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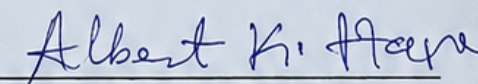
15.52.1 Money Laundering

12.5 Aiding Consummation of Crime

Signed: 
DCP. Raffell A. Wilson

Acting Commissioner of Police/CSD/FCID/Interpol/CID/WACPS

Signed: 
C/Supt. Peter W. Johnson
Investigator

Signed: 
for Col. Moses L. Meah
Chief Investigator/LDEA

Judge disposition`

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE MONROVIA CITY COURT
MONTERRADO COUNTY) TEMPLE OF JUSTICE, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

BEFORE HIS HONOR.....BEN BARCO.....STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, by & thru the Ministry of Justice,
Of the City of Monrovia, Liberia **PLAINTIFF**

Versus

Jewel Howard Taylor, Taras Zadereiko alias Tony, Mihovil
Vrovac alias Michael, Nikola Ivancic, Sheikh and others, to
be identified **DEFENDANTS**
ALSO, OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS,
UNLICENSED EXPORTATION OF
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES,
UNLICENSED SALE, TRADING IN-TRANSIT
AND TRANSPORTATION OF CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES, ABUSE OF OFFICE, ILLICIT
TRAFFICKING, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY,
CRIMINAL FACILITATION, CRIMINAL
SOLICITATION, MONEY LAUNDERING,
AIDING CONSUMMATION OF CRIME

WRIT OF ARREST

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO CAPTAIN AUGUSTINE FORLEH, MAGISTRATE POLICE OR HIS
DEPUTY, GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to arrest the living bodies of Jewel Howard Taylor, and forthwith bring her to the Monrovia City Court, Temple of Justice Building, Montserrado County to answer the charges of Importation of Controlled Drugs, Unlicensed Exportation of Controlled Drugs and Substance, Unlicensed Sale, Trading In-Transit and Transportation of Controlled Substances, Illicit Trafficking, Criminal Conspiracy, Criminal Facilitation and Criminal Solicitation based upon the oath and complaint of the Republic of Liberia by and thru the Ministry of Justice, Plaintiff, in which it is substantially alleged as follows to wit:

That in 2021, Sheik Bashiru Kante brought to Liberia Taras Zadereiko alias "Tony" and Mihovil Vrovac alias "Michael". While the Two (2) foreign nationals were in Liberia, they conspired with Sheik Bashiru Kante to IMPORT AND EXPORT COCAINE in and out of Liberia to Europe.

That in the same 2021, Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac and their cohorts, to include but not limited to Sheik Bashiru Kante, purposely undertook to contact top level Government officials in order to protect their organized Transnational Crime Scheme (Trafficking in Cocaine). As such, Sheik Bashiru Kante in the year 2022 introduced Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac to Defendant Jewel Howard Taylor, then Vice President of Liberia and a close associate of Sheik Bashiru Kante.

After the introduction, in the early 2022 Defendant Jewel Howard Taylor met Sheik Bashiru Kante, Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac at her Sophie residence, located in Congo Town, Montserrado County. During the meeting at Defendant Jewel Howard Taylor's residence, Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac invited her to travel to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to meet with Nikola Ivancic, a Croatian National and a Drug Kingpin (Ring Leader) of the Cocaine Transnational Crime Cartel. In Dubai, they lodged at the H. Hotel where a meeting was held about using Liberia as a transit point for the illicit trafficking of cocaine, to which she agreed.

While Defendant Jewel Howard Taylor was in Dubai, she received Forty-Five Thousand United States Dollars (US\$45,000.00) from Nikola Ivancic for shopping in the presence of Sheik Bashiru Kante, Taras Zadereiko and Mihovil Vrovac. Upon Defendant Jewel Howard Taylor's returned to Liberia, she maintained strong ties with the Cocaine Cartel. She requested and received Seventy-Five Thousand United States Dollars (US\$75,000.00)

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from the hierarchy of the cartel through Sheik Bashiru Kante for her entity, Jewel Star Fish Foundation, while the cartel continued to import and export cocaine in and out of Liberia, and she maintained constant contacts and engagements with the cartel operating cells to the effect that in August 2026 she again requested and received through Sheik Bashiru Kante the amount of Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars (US\$15,000.00).

Even though, Defendant Jewel Howard Taylor is knowledgeable of the law that cocaine is an illicit drug, yet she knowingly collaborated and conspired with those operating the cocaine cartel by having meetings, receiving cash, consented to the drugs trafficking operations, used her office and influence, provided support and protection to the cartel illegal dealings in Liberia.

The alleged act of the Defendant being unlawful, wicked, illegal and intentional is a violation of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act of 2023, the New Penal Law of Liberia, and the AML CFT Act of 2021, and Sections 14.93, 10.2, 10.4, 10.3, 15.52.1, 12.5, 12.70, 14.84, 14.85, there and then the crimes herein the Defendant did do and commit.

HENCE, THIS WRIT OF ARREST.

CONTRARY TO THE FORM AND EFFECT OF THE STATUTORY LAWS OF LIBERIA IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THIS REPUBLIC, AND FOR SO DOING, THIS SHALL CONSTITUTE YOUR LEGAL AND SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY AND HAVE THIS WRIT.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF COURT THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2026.

WIT: Ministry of Justice, et. al.



Abel Kailay
CLERK OF COURT
MONROVIA CITY COURT

