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Open Letter

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Dear Concerned Parties,

I write to bring to your attention a deeply troubling case involving Mr. Mathew, a Black man who has suffered profound injustices within the judicial systems of both the Netherlands and Aruba.

The following points underscore the gravity of this situation:

- 1. Unsubstantiated Charges:** Mr. Mathew was unfairly charged by Aruban authorities without any credible evidence. Because of this fact the judges intentionally misspelled his names and documented a wrongful birth country on the verdict they used to keep him in jail for 5 years.
- 2. Inhumane Incarceration:** He endured inhumane treatment and was incarcerated without due process, subjected to conditions that are deplorable and reminiscent of subhuman treatment.
- 3. Misleading Verdict & Documentation:** Despite years of wrongful imprisonment, the initial verdict by Dutch Judge Mr. Joop Drop and appeal court judges D. RADDER, S. VERHEIJEN and T.A.M. TIJHUIS, *inaccurately and deliberately documented Mr. Mathew's identity and origin in official records. These judges were fully aware that by deliberately misrecording Mr. Mathew's name and origin, they were obstructing his ability to appeal the verdict to the European Court of Human Rights. Within the Dutch Kingdom, there has been a longstanding pattern of judicial exploitation and mistreatment of Black individuals, reminiscent of historical injustices such as the slave trade. Allowing the European Court to investigate this case would have expose widespread judicial corruption in the Netherlands, severely tarnishing its international reputation.

Despite appeals, these discrepancies remain unaddressed, leading to Mr. Mathew's unjust five-year incarceration under extreme conditions.
- 4. Financial Exploitation:** Years later, the flawed verdict was leveraged to extort an additional \$15,000 from Mr. Mathew under the pretense of outstanding fines purportedly owed to the Aruban government. Without any substantiating evidence, Mr. Mathew was compelled to pay the sum or face further incarceration.
- 5. Recidivism and Harsh Conditions:** Mr. Mathew was subsequently re-incarcerated in a high-security facility under severe conditions, purportedly to enforce the contested fine, which is inconceivable under administrative procedures, yet he did the 110 days demanded instead of paying the \$15,000.00.



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6. Judicial Oversight: Despite acknowledgment from Judge C.P. van Gastel of Mr. Mathew's wrongful imprisonment, subsequent rulings have contradicted this admission, perpetuating his unjust treatment.

The elucidation of corruption becomes apparent upon perusal of the verdict herein submitted.

The verdict expressly stipulates that Mathew is to receive \$15,000.00 in restitution due to unjust treatment by the government.

However, the Judge C.P. van Gastel adjudicates that the inequitable proceedings absolve Mathew of any legal incarceration, thus negating the prison term served. (This means that the prison term served by Mathew is considered invalid and needs to do the prison terms all over again). Nevertheless, Mathew remains indebted to the government for 110 days or \$15,000.00.

This case exposes a profound miscarriage of justice and underscores systemic racial discrimination within Aruba, perpetuated by local authorities and Dutch officials alike. The failure of King Willem Alexander Claus George Ferdinand and the Aruban government to address these issues perpetuates systemic racism and further marginalizes Black individuals within our community.

I implore each of you to thoroughly examine this case and take decisive action to rectify these injustices against Black and Latino individuals in Aruba and surrounding islands. Justice must prevail, and the rights of all individuals, irrespective of race, must be steadfastly defended.

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Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

M. Smith

Cc: Churches around the world, King Willem Alexander Claus George Ferdinand, Dutch Supreme Court of the Netherlands, president of the United States of America.