

George Tehquah of Sanniquellie Central Prison, Sanniquellie City, Nimba County, Liberia, APPELLANT Versus **His Honor Emery S. Paye**, Resident Circuit Judge 8th Judicial Circuit Court, Nimba County, and the **Republic of Liberia**, APPELLEES

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APPEAL
JUDGMENT

When this case was called for hearing, Counsellors James C.R. Flomo and Elijah Y. Cheapo, Sr.. of the Public Defense Program of Liberia appeared for the appellant. Counsellor Betty Lamin-Blamo, Solicitor General of Liberia appeared for the appellee.

Having carefully reviewed the facts contained in the certified records, thoroughly examined the evidence, both oral and documentary, adduced by prosecution against the appellant, and having keenly listened to, and considered the arguments advanced before this Court by both counsels in support of their respective positions, and in due consideration of the laws applicable to the facts and circumstances in this case, it is hereby

ADJUDGED:

- (1) That the appellant, George Tehquah, was accorded a fair jury trial in keeping with his constitutional rights to impartial, speedy and public trial;
- (2) That the State presented a prima facie case cogently demonstrating that Appellant George Tehquah did commit the crime of Armed Robbery and Gang Rape as charged in the indictment, in violation of the relevant provisions of the New Penal Law of 1976;
- (3) That the unanimous guilty verdict, being in harmony with the weight of the evidence, as well as the judgment entered by the trial judge confirming the said verdict, be not disturbed.
- (4) Accordingly, the life sentence imposed on the appellant, also being in perfect harmony with the law extant, is also confirmed and affirmed.

The Clerk of this Court is therefore ordered to send a mandate to the judge presiding in the court below to resume jurisdiction over the case and give effect to this judgment. AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA THIS
14TH DAY OF AUGUST A.D. 2014.

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Note: Mr. Chief Justice Francis S. Korkpor, Sr., having travelled on State matters, did not participate in the hearing and final determination of this case; hence, did not sign this judgment.

Also, Mr. Justice Philip A. Z. Banks, Ill, having travelled after hearing of this case, he did not participate in its final determination; hence, did not sign this judgment.