

SPECIAL COURT FOR
SIERRA LEONE

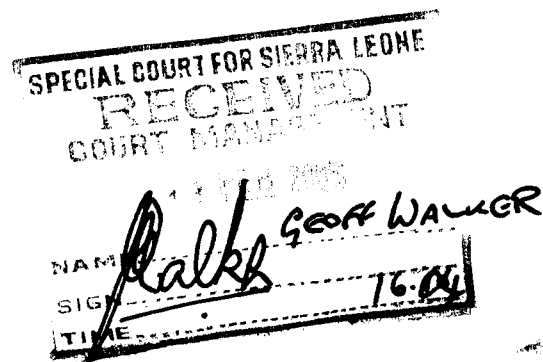
Case No. SCSL-2004-16-PT

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Teresa Doherty, Presiding
 Judge Julia Sebutinde
 Judge Richard Lussick

Registrar: Robin Vincent

Date filed: February 11, 2005



THE PROSECUTOR

against

SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU

KANU – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR HEARING OF “KANU – DEFENSE MOTION FOR DISMISSAL OF COUNTS 15 – 18 OF THE INDICTMENT DUE TO AN ALIBI DEFENSE AND LACK OF *PRIMA FACIE* CASE” OF JANUARY 20, 2005

Office of the Prosecutor:

Luc Coté
 Lesley Taylor

Defense Counsel:

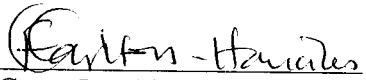
Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops, Lead Counsel
 Carry J. Knoops, Co-Counsel
 A.E. Manly-Spain, Co-Counsel

1. On February 16, 2005 the Kanu – Defense Motion for Dismissal of Counts 15 – 18 of the Indictment Due to an Alibi Defense and Lack of *Prima Facie* Case is scheduled to be heard by the honorable Trial Chamber.
2. The Defense respectfully prays the honorable Trial Chamber to consider the rescheduling of this hearing in that this motion will be heard directly after the Status Conference in this case, which will take place on March 1, 2005.
3. The Defense team of Mr. Kanu from the Netherlands is due to arrive in Freetown on February 28, 2005, whereas the local Co-Counsel, Mr. Manly-Spain, is, according to the information of the Defense Office, out of town until February 28, 2005. Lead and Co-Counsel from the Netherlands are unfortunately unable to come over to Freetown before February 28, 2005, so that therefore at the hearing of the 16th of February, no counsel is able to represent the Accused, and present oral arguments.
4. The Defense already notified Chambers through an e-mail dated February 7, 2005 of its request for this rescheduling.

RELIEF SOUGHT

5. For the reasons above, the Defense prays the honorable Trial Chamber to primarily postpone the particular hearing to March 1, 2005, or alternatively, allow the Defense to present its arguments one day before the hearing of February 16, 2005, in written form.

Respectfully submitted,
Done on this 11th day of February 2005


Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops
Lead Counsel