

SUPPORTERS WANTED FOR MR. VALENTINE'S TRIAL

== Please participate in his upcoming hearing ==

In Japan, when a witness is a foreigner, he can't be trusted. And when an accused is a foreigner, he can't have justice. At least, that is what is going on with his case...

Mr. Valentine, a Nigerian national, is defending himself against the Tokyo Metropolitan Government after a police beating incident which took place in Shinjuku almost 4 years ago. At the last trial, the judge did not close the case. Many thanks to the audience (more than 25 people sat in the public seats) who watched the trial so close. And now the date for the 3rd trial has been set. We are asking for your support, especially your participation in this upcoming hearing at Tokyo high court. Please help him to get justice.

The 3rd Appeal Tribunal Trial schedule:

Court opens at 11 am on November 20th. Tuesday, 2007

At Tokyo High Court 8th floor / Court Room Number 808

Court appellant : Mr. Valentine U.C. < case number " (NE) 2429th of 2007" >

An application is not necessary to attend the hearing. Anyone can participate. Please come to the court before 11 am. You can enter the hearing room without any application or notification, but there will be a property check at the door. If you come earlier, please wait in the waiting room. Other supporters will meet you there. For more info : <http://www.courts.go.jp/kengaku/>

Access : "Kasumigaseki station" on Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line, Hibiya line or Chiyoda line. A1 exit, 1 minute walk. Or "Sakuradamon station" on Tokyo Metro Yurakuchou line, No. 5 exit, 3 minute walk.

Mr. Valentine was arrested by Fuueihou violation in a back alley in Shinjuku Kabuki-cho on December 9th in 2003. Though he was handcuffed and did not resist during the arrest, he was brutally beaten by undercover police officers and it cost him a broken knee head bone. At the Tokyo police hospital, Mr. Valentine did not receive proper treatment. As a result, Mr. Valentine became a certified disabled person.

He brought a lawsuit against the Tokyo Metropolitan Government back in August, 2005, but lost the case. One of the reasons for the decision was based on the unaccountability of the eyewitness. The witness was also an African man. It stated anyone from the Kabuki-cho black people community can't be taken as an accountable witness. And the Tokyo police hospital has not released his medical record, insisting it has been lost.

Read more: <http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/fl20070814zg.html>

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