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**FORMAL COMPLAINT — MISHANDLING AND RETENTION OF STAMPED COURT DOCUMENTATION, REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN OF WESTMINSTER-STAMPED DOCUMENT, COPIES AND PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE**

**Our Reference:** DEL/WGCC/COMPLAINT/04/2026-08-26

**Case Reference:** 01GD1160226

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**SUBJECT**

**FORMAL COMPLAINT AND URGENT DOCUMENT-RECOVERY REQUEST — APPARENT RETENTION OF MY WESTMINSTER MAGISTRATES' COURT-STAMPED DOCUMENT AND MIX-UP OF COURT COPIES ON 26 AUGUST 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I submit this as **Document 4 of four separate but related formal complaints** arising from my attendance at Wood Green Crown Court on **26 August 2026**.

This document concerns a discrete and objectively verifiable matter:

**the apparent mixing-up of stamped court documents by Wood Green Crown Court and the resulting retention by the Court of a document bearing a Westminster Magistrates' Court stamp which belongs to my evidential records.**

I require that document to be located, preserved and returned to me.

I also require **two complete copies of the relevant Wood Green Crown Court-stamped documentation** and a written explanation of how the document mix-up occurred.

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## 1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This complaint has four principal purposes:

1. to place Wood Green Crown Court formally on notice that I say a stamped document forming part of my evidential records has been retained by the Court as a result of an apparent document mix-up;
2. to require an immediate search for and preservation of that document;
3. to require its return to me; and
4. to establish an auditable record of how my documents were handled on 26 August 2026.

This issue is separate from the substantive security and equality complaints contained in Documents 1–3.

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## 2. IMPORTANCE OF THE DOCUMENTARY RECORD

I have provided written notices concerning the religious articles that I wear when attending court.

My earlier Westminster Magistrates' Court notice expressly identified the religious articles as including a:

- metal wrist/arm cuff;
- short chain; and
- small combination padlock,

worn as a religious observance.

That notice also expressly requested that Court Security record the notice and brief the relevant entrance team.

The existence of stamped court copies is therefore important because the stamps provide contemporaneous evidence concerning the receipt and handling of my notices.

These are not disposable papers from my perspective.

They form part of my evidential and procedural record.

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### **3. STAMPED DOCUMENTARY HISTORY**

I possess documentary evidence showing that notices concerning the religious articles have been presented to courts.

The material includes documents bearing stamps from:

**Westminster Magistrates' Court**

181 Marylebone Road

London

NW1 5BR

United Kingdom

and

**Thames Magistrates' Court**

58 Bow Road

London

E3 4DJ

United Kingdom.

The material concerning Wood Green Crown Court also bears an official Wood Green Crown Court receipt stamp.

The Wood Green documentation visible in my records bears:

**WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT**

**RECEIVED**

**06 AUG 2026**

The stamped documents are therefore capable of demonstrating when particular notices were received by particular courts.

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### **4. WHAT OCCURRED AT WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT**

During my attendance at Wood Green Crown Court on **26 August 2026**, documents were handled in connection with the security issue concerning my religious articles.

There was a mix-up concerning which stamped document Wood Green Crown Court was to retain and which document was to be returned to me.

My understanding of what occurred is as follows:

1. Wood Green Crown Court was supposed to retain **its own copy** of the relevant Wood Green documentation;
2. I was supposed to retain my own evidential documentation;
3. instead, Wood Green Crown Court returned to me a copy bearing its own Wood Green Crown Court stamp; and
4. Wood Green Crown Court retained my copy bearing the **Westminster Magistrates' Court stamp**.

Accordingly, the Court appears to have retained the wrong document.

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## **5. WESTMINSTER-STAMPED DOCUMENT IS MY EVIDENCE**

The Westminster-stamped document is important to me because the court stamp forms part of my evidence of the documentary history concerning advance notification of my religious articles.

The significance is not merely the underlying words appearing on the document.

The significance includes:

- the particular physical document;
- the court receipt stamp upon it;
- its relationship to the other stamped documents;
- the chronology it establishes; and
- its evidential provenance.

A newly printed copy of the underlying notice would therefore not necessarily place me in the same evidential position as possession of the particular stamped document.

I consequently require the stamped document itself to be returned.

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## **6. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR A SUBSTITUTE DOCUMENT**

For clarity, I am **not merely requesting another printout of the Westminster notice**.

My first requirement is the return of the actual Westminster-stamped document that I say was retained during the document exchange at Wood Green Crown Court on 26 August 2026.

If the Court cannot immediately locate that document, it should not simply substitute another copy and treat the matter as resolved.

The Court should:

1. conduct a search;
2. identify where the document went;
3. establish who handled it;
4. preserve all relevant records;
5. explain the result of the search; and
6. return the document if located.

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## 7. URGENT PRESERVATION NOTICE

Upon receipt of this complaint, please treat the Westminster-stamped document as material subject to an express **preservation request**.

Please ensure that it is not:

- destroyed;
- shredded;
- discarded;
- written upon unnecessarily;
- altered;
- separated from associated paperwork without a record;
- sent for routine disposal;
- treated as a duplicate for destruction; or
- otherwise disposed of.

If the document is currently located on a court file, security file, administrative file, complaint file or other record, please preserve it pending arrangements for its return.

## 8. REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SEARCH

Please undertake an immediate search for the Westminster-stamped document.

The search should include, insofar as relevant:

- documents handled by security personnel on 26 August 2026;
- Court Security records;
- security supervisors' records;
- reception areas;
- administrative offices;
- case papers;
- complaint records;
- documents awaiting scanning;
- scanned-document holding areas;
- internal mail or document-transfer locations;
- papers associated with Case Reference **01GD1160226**; and
- any other location to which the document may reasonably have been transferred.

If the document was scanned, please preserve the scan and associated metadata.

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## 9. REQUEST FOR TWO COPIES OF WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT DOCUMENTATION

In addition to return of the Westminster-stamped document, I require:

**two complete copies of the relevant Wood Green Crown Court-stamped documentation concerning my advance notice and religious articles.**

The copies should reproduce the documents in their complete form, including:

- every page;
- every receipt stamp;
- every date;
- every handwritten annotation, if any;
- every administrative marking, if any;

- the photograph of the religious articles where contained in the document; and
- any other marking appearing upon the Court's copy.

I request two copies so that I can retain separate evidential and working records.

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## **10. EXPLANATION REQUIRED**

The document mix-up requires an explanation.

Please establish:

1. which documents were presented or handled;
2. which document Wood Green Crown Court intended to retain;
3. which document was actually retained;
4. which document was returned to me;
5. who handled the exchange;
6. why the Westminster-stamped document was retained;
7. whether the retention was accidental;
8. whether the document was subsequently scanned or filed; and
9. where the document is currently located.

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## **11. QUESTIONS REQUIRING INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS**

Please answer each of the following questions separately.

### **Question 1**

Does Wood Green Crown Court currently hold a document belonging to me bearing a Westminster Magistrates' Court stamp?

### **Question 2**

Has a search been undertaken for that document?

### **Question 3**

If so, where was it found?

### **Question 4**

If it has not yet been located, what locations and records have been searched?

**Question 5**

Which member of staff or security personnel received the document from me on 26 August 2026?

**Question 6**

Why was that document retained?

**Question 7**

Was it believed at the time to be Wood Green Crown Court's own copy?

**Question 8**

Was the document scanned?

**Question 9**

If it was scanned, on what date and into what record or system was it scanned?

**Question 10**

Was the document placed on the court file associated with **Case Reference 01GD1160226**?

**Question 11**

Was it passed to Court Security, court administration, the courtroom, a legal adviser, court clerk or any other person?

**Question 12**

Has the document been annotated, marked, altered or otherwise processed since it was retained?

**Question 13**

Can the original Westminster-stamped document now be returned to me?

**Question 14**

When and by what method will it be returned?

**Question 15**

Will Wood Green Crown Court provide me with **two complete copies of its own stamped documentation**?

**Question 16**

What procedure should have been followed when the documents were exchanged on 26 August 2026?

**Question 17**

Was that procedure followed?

**Question 18**

If not, what went wrong?

**Question 19**

Has the incident been recorded as a document-handling error?

**Question 20**

What action will be taken to prevent a recurrence?

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**12. PRESERVATION OF ASSOCIATED RECORDS**

Please preserve all associated evidence capable of establishing how the documents were handled.

This includes, insofar as such material exists:

- CCTV covering the relevant security/reception area;
- security logs;
- incident reports;
- staff notes;
- supervisor notes;
- case-management entries;
- scanning records;
- document metadata;
- internal emails;
- internal messages;
- records of documents received;
- records of documents transferred internally;
- records identifying personnel who handled the documents;
- the Court's copy of my advance notice; and
- the Westminster-stamped document itself.

The purpose of this request is to permit the documentary history to be reconstructed objectively if necessary.

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### **13. CCTV PRESERVATION**

If CCTV captured the interaction during which the documents were exchanged, I specifically request that the relevant footage be preserved immediately.

The footage may assist in establishing:

- which documents I produced;
- which documents were handled by security;
- which documents were returned to me;
- which documents were retained;
- which personnel were involved; and
- the sequence of events.

This preservation request should be acted upon before any routine retention period expires.

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### **14. NO ACCUSATION OF DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE**

For the avoidance of doubt:

**I do not presently allege that anybody deliberately took, concealed, destroyed or interfered with my Westminster-stamped document.**

My present understanding is that there was a **mix-up in the handling of the paperwork.**

I have reached no conclusion concerning why that occurred.

I am therefore giving Wood Green Crown Court the opportunity to locate the document, return it and explain what happened.

If subsequent evidence establishes a different position, that evidence can be considered at that stage.

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### **15. SEPARATION FROM THE OTHER COMPLAINTS**

This document should not be treated as merely another aspect of the religious-discrimination complaint.

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The documentary issue is independently capable of objective investigation.

The four complaints concern:

**Document 1:** Advance notice and apparent administrative/internal communication failure.

**Document 2:** Requirement to remove the religious wrist/arm cuff and the security justification for that decision.

**Document 3:** Equality, race and religion safeguarding concerns.

**Document 4:** Mishandling, retention and recovery of stamped documentary evidence.

I require the matters to remain identifiable separately within the complaint process even if HMCTS administratively assigns them a common overarching complaint reference.

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## 16. OUTCOME REQUIRED

I require the following:

1. immediate acknowledgement of this complaint;
2. confirmation that an urgent search has been initiated;
3. preservation of the Westminster-stamped document;
4. return of the **actual Westminster Magistrates' Court-stamped document** retained on 26 August 2026;
5. **two complete copies of the relevant Wood Green Crown Court-stamped documents;**
6. confirmation of whether the Westminster-stamped document was scanned;
7. confirmation of whether it was placed upon the court file;
8. identification of how and why the document mix-up occurred;
9. individual answers to the questions contained in Section 11;
10. confirmation that relevant CCTV and documentary records have been preserved;
11. confirmation of any corrective action taken; and
12. a written apology for the document-handling error if the investigation confirms my account.

## 17. IF THE DOCUMENT CANNOT BE LOCATED

If the Westminster-stamped document cannot be located, I require a substantive written response identifying:

1. the searches undertaken;
2. the dates upon which those searches were undertaken;
3. the departments or locations searched;
4. whether relevant personnel were asked about the document;
5. whether any scanned image exists;
6. whether CCTV or other evidence was examined;
7. the Court's conclusion concerning what happened to the document;
8. whether the loss has been formally recorded;
9. what remedial action is proposed; and
10. what steps Wood Green Crown Court proposes to take to restore my evidential position as far as reasonably possible.

A statement simply saying that the document “cannot be found” would not adequately explain the position.

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## 18. PRIORITY OF RETURN

Because the Westminster-stamped document forms part of my evidential record concerning ongoing court proceedings, I ask that the **document-recovery element of this complaint be treated urgently and independently of the ordinary timetable for determining the remainder of the complaint.**

There is no reason to delay returning my document until every other aspect of Documents 1–4 has been investigated.

If it is located, please notify me in writing immediately and arrange its return.

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## 19. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION AND AUDIT TRAIL

Please communicate with me **in writing** so that a complete audit trail is maintained.

Please acknowledge:

- receipt of this complaint;

- that the document-preservation request has been recorded;
- that the CCTV-preservation request has been recorded;
- that a search for the Westminster-stamped document has commenced; and
- the complaint reference allocated to this matter.

Please respond to the numbered questions individually.

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## 20. FINAL POSITION

The immediate issue is straightforward.

**Wood Green Crown Court appears to have retained my Westminster Magistrates' Court-stamped evidential copy when it should have retained its own Wood Green Crown Court copy.**

I currently possess Wood Green Crown Court-stamped material which supports my account that there was confusion in the exchange of the paperwork.

I require the Court to establish exactly what occurred.

Most importantly:

**I require my Westminster Magistrates' Court-stamped document to be located, preserved and returned to me.**

**I require two complete copies of the relevant Wood Green Crown Court-stamped documentation.**

**I require an explanation of how the document mix-up occurred.**

I make no allegation at this stage that the incorrect retention of the document was deliberate.

Please deal with the recovery and preservation aspects of this request urgently.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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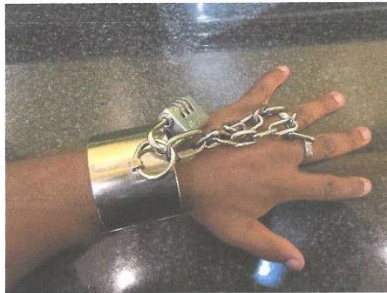
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**Subject: URGENT – Advance Notice for Hearing on 26 August 2026 – Religious Articles – Please Forward to Court Security and Relevant Staff**

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I write to provide advance notice before my attendance at Wood Green Crown Court on **26 August 2026**.

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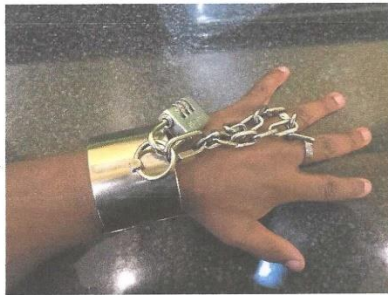
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VOODOO

**COURT SECURITY NOTICE — RELIGIOUS ARTICLES (VOODOO)**

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**Subject: CASE REF 01GD1160226 – ADVANCE NOTICE OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES TO BE WORN AT COURT**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to provide advance notice that I will be attending Stratford Magistrates' Court in relation to Case Reference 01GD1160226.

I will be wearing religious articles as part of my Voodoo faith and religious observance.

The articles consist of a metal wrist/arm cuff with a short chain and a small combination padlock worn on my arm and hand. These items are worn solely for religious purposes and are not carried for any improper purpose.

I am providing this notice in advance so there is no misunderstanding, delay, difficulty, confrontation, or unnecessary disruption when I arrive at court.

I respectfully request that:

1. This notice is placed on record.
2. Relevant security staff are informed in advance that I may attend wearing these religious articles.

