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**THE MINISTER
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
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Dear Sir,

**PETITION ON THE DEATH OF JERRY KPESENU WHILE IN THE
CUSTODY OF THE POLICE OFFICERS STATIONED AT THE KETA
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.**

I am writing on my own behalf and for and on behalf of the people of Keta to formally petition your office on the unprofessional and inhumane conduct of officers from the Keta Police Division, which tragically led to the death of Mr. Jerry Kpesenu (a.k.a Maya) on the 6th of June 2024.

Mr. Kpesenu, a respected landlord in Keta, was involved in a dispute with his tenants regarding the installation of an air conditioner. Following this disagreement, Police officers were called to his residence. According to multiple eye witness accounts, these officers, instead of resolving the issue peacefully, resorted to intimidation, maltreatment, and physical assault by beating Mr. Kpesenu with electrical cables. Subsequently, he was arrested and detained at the Keta Police Station, where he died under suspicious circumstances.

This incident has caused immense distress and outrage within the Keta community as we strongly believe that Mr. Kpesenu's death is a direct result of the unprofessional and brutal actions of the police officers involved. Such conduct is not only a violation of the ethical standards expected of law enforcement officers but also a severe breach of the human rights of the deceased family man.

I am therefore petitioning your office to;

- i. Cause a full-scale investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of the deceased while in the custody of your officers.
- ii. Allow for an independent autopsy to be conducted at a highly reputable pathology center in Ghana, with costs covered by the police, to establish the true cause of death of the deceased.
- iii. Initiate or cause to be initiated disciplinary and criminal proceedings against any officer and persons found culpable in the death of the deceased Jerry Kpesenu.
- iv. Immediately suspend the officers involved in this matter to ensure an impartial investigation.
- v. Provide regular updates on the progress of the investigation and assurances that justice will prevail to forestall any breaches of the peace that a lackadaisical approach to this matter may occasion.

This petition represents the collective voice of the concerned and law-abiding citizens of Keta, both home and abroad. We have placed our faith in the Ghana Police Service to uphold justice and protect the rights of all citizens. This incident, however, has severely shaken our confidence in these values.

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We respectfully urge your office to take swift and decisive action to address this grave injustice and restore faith in our law enforcement agencies. The community is counting on your leadership to ensure that justice is served for Mr. Jerry Kpesenu and to prevent such tragedies from recurring in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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