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STATEMENT ON THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF ELTON MARK McCABE

The U.S. Embassy remains deeply concerned about the circumstances surrounding the detention of U.S. citizen Elton Mark McCabe, who was arrested by South Sudan's National Security Service on October 14, 2012. We have raised his case at the highest levels of the South Sudanese government, urging that he be granted due process as stipulated in South Sudan's Transitional Constitution.

Mr. McCabe has been transferred from National Security Service detention to Juba Central Prison. His trial has been set for November 22, Thanksgiving Day. Mr. McCabe has obtained legal counsel, and has been granted access to medications needed to address a longstanding medical condition. Embassy staff members, including the U.S. Ambassador, have visited Mr. McCabe and will continue to provide consular assistance and follow his case closely.

The U.S. Embassy remains deeply concerned with reports of arbitrary arrests and detentions, and strongly encourages the South Sudanese government to ensure that Mr. McCabe's due process rights are upheld.

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