

DR. JAMES MWANGI CBS,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
EQUITY BANK.  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: FRAUD AND ABUSE OF A MINOR IN THE 'WINGS TO FLY' CAMPAIGN.**

First I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the work you have done for our nation, you have given hope to thousands if not millions by the launch of the 'WINGS TO FLY' project. I admire your achievements and pray that you continue to be a pillar to our community and a role model to children all over the country. I pray your indulgence for I will be brief.

During the first stages of the planning of this campaign the communication dept signed a contract with a young artiste, who is a minor, to produce a song to be used in the wings to fly campaign. His name is **Erick Obiero**, he also happened to have had a brief meet with you to approve of the song, you even offered him a scholarship in the wings to fly project. The contract was supposed to have paid out by June 2014 but this has not happen so far. When we started following up the issue an email was sent to Erick Obiero with a scan of documents that had discrepancies, when his mother decided to call Mr. kibiru , who had been in constant contact with her, he disclaimed knowing existence to any contract and that he was only a mentor to Erick.

I decided to pursue the matter personally since the scan documents sent to him looked made up and made no sense. When I came to the head office to make an official enquiry I was received by the **Customer Service Manager**. She took me to the communications boardroom where I had a meeting with the top finance officers whose names are all in the statement. In this meeting they told me that although the names of the officers on the documents were real, the signatures were a fake and that my family and I were trying to defraud the bank. I found it suspicious that all the members present in the meeting had already taken a stand that I was trying to defraud the bank rather than verify any of the enquires I was making. **Mrs. Lydia** (from finance) told the head of security to take me with him until I produced the evidence that it was sent by them. I was taken to the underground security office and held for hours, I wrote a statement with **Mr. Joakim** and **Mr. Munyiri**, they refused to release me and my college and

threatened that the police were coming to pick me and I was going to be charged for forgery of documents, I stood my ground and told them that if that was the procedure then it should be followed. I was threatened with the police even taking my young brother out of school, saying they had the power and authority to do so. Having no other option they let us go at around 6:40pm.

The following day Erick Obiero's mother also came and a recorded a statement with the same security office. Her statement gave a very detailed account of all the events that occurred, one that should have reached your office had it not been the involvement of the said officers within your organization. So far nothing has been done, no communication from the bank. The contract was worth 10 million. We feel that a great injustice has been done to us, an injustice we did not deserve. We put in money and time for that production and we have been treated as criminals by your staff and we feel that it is only right to fight for justice. My brother is a young upcoming artist and it is not fair that his sweat goes to other people; I will not let him lose hope in pursuing his dreams nor let anyone take advantage of him.

I am writing to you with hope that you will take action so that none of this happens to any other child or disadvantaged family under your watch. I believe that if you receive this letter something will be done, but if by any other means it does not, we will seek other means to address this injustice. We have proof of the call logs, phone numbers and names of all the officers that ever contacted us as evidence. May His able hands guide you.

Yours sincerely

GEOFFREY NYADIDA.

Our contacts are: Emilly (mother) – 0722818911, Erick Obiero – 0704851026, Geoffrey (brother) – 0728924141.