

Chief Justice Michael Heavican
Nebraska Supreme Court
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REF: Use of Naari sodium thiopental for the purposes of executions in Nebraska

Dear Chief Justice Michael Heavican,

I am writing to you on an extremely grave and urgent issue. It has recently been brought to my attention that Nebraska Department of Correctional Services has purchased 485 grams of sodium thiopental manufactured for Naari which it intends to use in capital punishment procedures in Nebraska.


I am shocked and appalled by this news. Naari did not supply these medicines directly to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and is deeply opposed to the use of the medicines in executions. The medicines in question were supplied by Naari to a man called Mr. Chris Harris. The agreement with Mr. Harris was that he would use these vials for registration in Zambia. Our intention was to get the product registered in Zambia and then begin selling it there, since sodium thiopental is used very widely as an anaesthetic in the developing world.

Mr. Harris was authorised specifically to take the product to Zambia and get it registered there. He was not authorised to sell the product to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services or to anyone else in the USA.

Mr. Harris misappropriated our medicines and diverted them from their intended purpose and use. I am writing to request that the thiopental which was wrongfully diverted by Mr. Harris to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services be returned immediately to its rightful owners, that is, that it be returned to us at Naari.

Thank you in advance for your urgent assistance on this important matter.

Sincerely,


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