

## **Karissa Bowley Becomes Plaintiff in Case Involving Dau Mabil's Death; Seeks Answers**

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Hinds County Chancery Court Judge Dewayne Thomas issued an order this morning granting Karissa Bowley's motion to allow her to be the only Plaintiff in the court case involving her husband's tragic and unexplained death. After Dau Mabil disappeared on March 25, 2024, Karissa, his wife, launched a sprawling, city-wide search that included managing volunteers, a private investigator, and a search of the Pearl River; maintaining a multi-platform media campaign that included flyers, fact sheets, posters, social media posts, awareness-raising events, and a billboard; contacting & coordinating with the Department of Public Safety, regional nonprofit search-and-rescue organizations, and state and federal representatives; and her personally making around 120 separate calls and texts to law enforcement either offering information or seeking updates. A body found in the Pearl River was confirmed to be Dau's on April 18, 2024, shifting Karissa's focus from finding Dau to finding out what could have possibly happened to him.

Judge Thomas's order confirmed for us today what we have been stating all along: that Karissa is the only party with the legal ability to ensure that a second autopsy can be performed on Dau's body. Results from the first autopsy have not yet been released, and we cannot assume that this first autopsy will answer all of our questions. Karissa is relieved to have this court case settled, allowing her some time to grieve her husband's loss. She will continue to try to find answers, which she has been doing from Day 1.

Karissa asks that anyone with information about Dau's disappearance and/or death to contact the Jackson Police Department (601-960-1234) and the State Capitol Police (601-359-3125) with that information. Karissa's brother-in-law's attorney, Lisa Ross, has indicated that there are videos of Dau perhaps being attacked; Karissa pleads with Attorney Ross to make those videos available to her, to the police, and to the general public.