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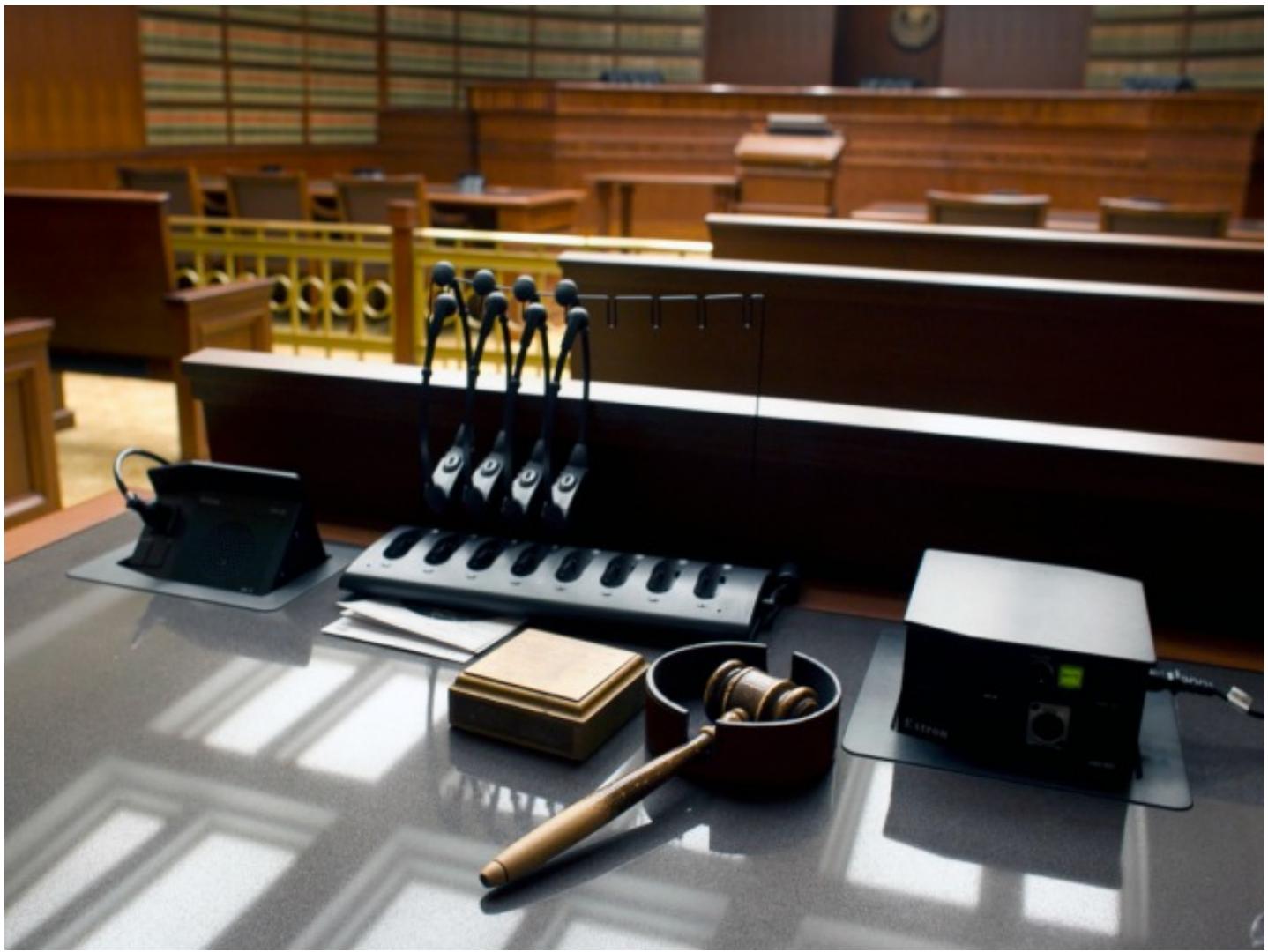
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An Ethiopian prison guard who officials say tortured and killed numerous civilians in Ethiopia and lied to gain American citizenship was sentenced to 22 years in prison for immigration violations Friday, after living in the U.S. undetected for years.

Senior U.S. District Court Judge John L. Kane sentenced Kefelegn Alemu Worku to the lengthy prison sentence for unlawful procurement of citizenship, making false statements on immigration documents, and identity theft.



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Kane also stripped Worku of his citizenship and ordered him to serve three years supervised release upon completion of his sentence when he will begin deportation proceedings.

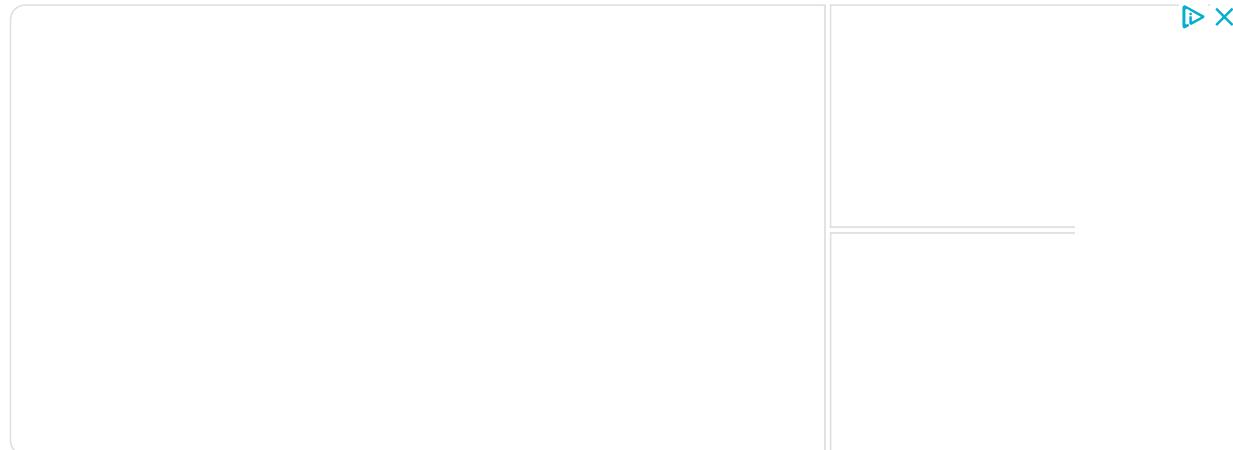
According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Colorado, Worku lied on immigration forms about torturing and murdering people in Ethiopia during the Red Terror—a Marxist take over of the country in the late 1970s during which time tens of thousands of Ethiopians suspected of opposing the regime were tortured and executed. Worku was found guilty of using another individual's identity to apply for citizenship and falsely answering "no" to the question, "Have you ever persecuted (either directly or indirectly) any person because of race, religion, national origin, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion."

During the Red Terror, officials charged, Worku was a prison guard at a facility called "Kebele 15" or "Kefetegna 15" (or "Higher 15" in English), in which people were tortured and killed for their political affiliations and views. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office family members were often forced to pay for the bullet used to kill their loved ones in such prisons during under the regime.

Witnesses testified to Worku's personal involvement in "Higher 15."

Abebech Demissie said she was 16 years old when she was taken to the prison and saw Worku kill prisoners, [according](#) to the Associated Press, including a teenage boy.

He told the prisoners to “clean the blood off the floor with anything we could find, including our tongues,” Demissie said, according to the AP.



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The AP reports that in 2000 an Ethiopian court sentenced Worku in absentia to death for genocide. According to the U.S. Attorney’s Office records show he came to the United States under his false identity as a refugee in 2004 and lived in Denver until his indictment by a federal grand jury in 2012.

Worku came to the attention of Homeland Security Investigations when a naturalized U.S. citizen from Ethiopia recognized Worku as a prison guard during the Red Terror and notified authorities.

“Today, justice was done. By sentencing defendant Worku to the maximum possible term for his crime, Judge Kane sent a stern, determined message that the United States will not allow its generous asylum laws to be manipulated to create a safe haven for murderers and torturers from abroad,” U.S. Attorney John Walsh said in a statement. “Our system of justice has successfully removed the defendant from the immigrant community he once terrorized, and in so doing vindicated not only our laws, but the rights of the defendant’s many victims now living here in our country.”

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Hand him over to the families of his victims as it would not only be quicker and cheaper, it would be justice.

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DITTO!

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MEGA DITTO! Perhaps they will "Botch" his execution at least a dozen-times??

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This makes it clear the immigration reforms we need are on the enforcement side, NOT the acceptance side.

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The only intent of Obama's recent prison release is more chaos. Why else would you let criminals go?

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stevemusicmaker ➔ Guest • 7 years ago • edited

Seems justice was NOT served, since "Ethiopian court sentenced Worku in absentia to death for genocide."

He should have been sent to Ethiopia for final justice, not allowed to be housed with health care and food for 22 years in America. Seems he really won! Kefelegn Alema Worku is in his 60's and if Ethiopia was sure to execute, should have been sent there immediately after his trial that stripped him of his American citizenship! Why should we not only foot the bill but add years, decades, to his life?

<http://www.denverpost.com/e...>

Lack of proper enforcement of our immigration laws only makes things get worse, not better, for citizens!

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KJ; He needs them to register and vote for his democratic lackeys.

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misanthropologist • 7 years ago • edited

Great. Three hots and a cot on the U.S. taxpayers' nickel. Next stop: As someone fleeing political persecution, Worku will be invited to the White House, where he will enjoy a celebrity meet-and-greet with Beyonce and Jay Z. Final stop: A starring role in a reality show lionizing Third World suffering at the hands of Evil Western Civilization! (and, in case you don't get my disgust: sarc, sarc, sarc, sarc....)

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Now we have to pay for this Skum to house and feed it in prison.

He was sentenced to Death in Ethiopia, so send the MONSTER back home.

The plane ticket is much cheaper.

His Prison Cell in The USA will be like a 5 Star Hotel compared to what awaits him in Crapatopia.

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Duh, the government lets murders run loose all over this country, the col or whatever that was killing people in Libya, was allowed back into the United states after he unlawfully murdered people in Libya, now he is back in Libya murdering more people. Why, who sanctioned the murderer???????

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I don't understand. He's an illegal alien isn't he? Holder and Obama should release him! /sarc off

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Are you kidding, those two will make him a poster boy for granting amnesty.

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HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MEXICAN THEN IT WOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE

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Did the taxpayers pay for Obama's Aunt Zetuni's funeral and transport of body to Kenya?

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Another day, another lying, sleazebag, murdering immigrant story. Why is it we need more people coming here again?

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Why would he be given three years supervised release upon completion of his sentence in order to deport him - that's INSANE!

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I wonder if he's related to Obama. Can't believe they prosecuted this Obama voter.

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He was a Marxist terrorist. He went to the front of the line.

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A 20 year sentence in the U.S. equates to protective custody from execution. Justice is not served if he still breathes.

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Hey, Walsh, you got it about half right. The real right sentence would have been immediate return to Ethiopia to face hanging.

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So much for the "extensive background checks" on people we allow to enter and reside in this country. Government R Us best describes the gaggle of the majority of incompetent, inept, and corrupted federal workers.

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The only thing that immigration is good for these days is harassing REAL American citizens trying to re-enter the country.

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1Pippin • 7 years ago

Where are the original LAWS...???????????

DEPORT this fleabag....enough already!

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He was then pardoned by Obama after the recommendation of Eric Holder and immediately appointed to head ICE.

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Warren Raymond • 7 years ago

Obama people!

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KeiMechiso • 7 years ago

If we are not going to verify income for ObamaCare subsidies, then why check the background of people we let into this country? Ignorant bureaucratic incompetence.

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atrain68 • 7 years ago

If there is no dispute this man is a war criminal, why not deport this guy to Ethiopia? I'm sure they can put together a firing squad without years of appeals. Imagine the money will be saved and justice will be served.

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Just • 7 years ago

Is this guy on the next to be release list, when the next 36000 criminal are turn out on our street's by Obama?

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Biggbear52 • 7 years ago

I do bot nor will I believe his presents was UNKNON! Give him to the victims. Let them enact GODS WILL!

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another_engineer • 7 years ago

I'm surprised he's being arrested.. I figure they would put him up in a boston apartment with free welfare -- I hear an apartment there became vacant recently

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dannye • 7 years ago • edited

Big deal, war criminals have been openly living in the White House for decades.

One is living there right now.

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He's a "dreamer" who came here as an "act of love" to make a better life for himself since he's here to do "jobs Americans' won't do", I'm sure.

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Nuf Sed • 7 years ago

Gee, who would have thought that our immigration system is broke and out of control. With the government in charge there is only one solution - AMNESTY FOR ALL!

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dale • 7 years ago

He's only one of thousands that get here because of our lack of enforcement.

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I know a woman in Chicago who saw a former Romanian Securitate secret policeman walking down the street here. He was the same one who under Ceausescu had stormed into their home and terrorized her family. He was here as an immigrant.

I wonder how much if any vetting went on with the thousands who emigrated here from Russia and other former Communist bloc nations. Probably very little if any.

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TheLastPlainsman • 7 years ago

He drove a taxi for the whole time he was here. Went into an Ethiopian restaurant on Colfax and one of his victims recognized him.

Scary thought that he lived amongst us for all that time. Makes you wonder about others.

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IHP • 7 years ago

what about obama's family here illegally

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Magic Newton • 7 years ago

The 55,000 illegal aliens in US jails during 2003 had been charged with around 700,000 criminal offenses.

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Puppet Theater • 7 years ago

They should just move to Texas or DC, no one will care in a few years.

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danshays • 7 years ago • edited

What a travesty of justice! When will Obama Holder step in and stop this?! Kefelegn Alemu Worku has obviously been profiled, and demands social justice. Any day now, our Lord Protector, Obama

Holder, will nominate, Kefelegn Alemu Worku, as Homeland Security Chief.

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"If I had a son..."

---- Barack Hussein Obama

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NASA. It's not like our country(others do too) doesn't have a history of doing this.

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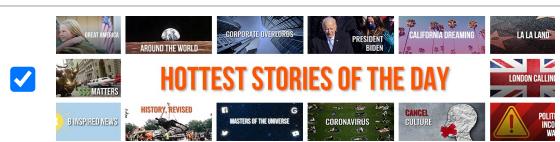
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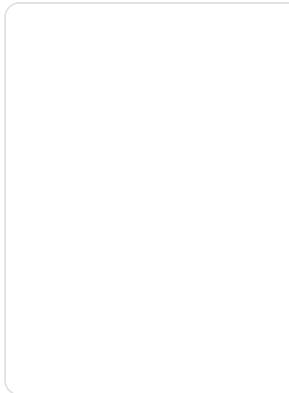
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