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Latest: Uebert Angel to Spend Weekend in Remand Prison as Bail Ruling Deferred to Monday

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"On Thursday 26 November, a Harare magistrate deferred the ruling on Uebert Angel's bail application to Monday 30 November at 2:15pm"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

On Thursday 26 November, a Harare magistrate deferred the ruling on Uebert Angel's bail application to Monday 30 November at 2:15pm. The Spirit Embassy founder, 48, will therefore spend the weekend in Harare Remand Prison while the court weighs whether to release him. He has entered no plea, and he has not been convicted of anything.

Five days earlier, his Sunday service ended in a scene his congregation will not forget. About ten armed police officers carrying AK-style rifles walked into the auditorium at the Spirit Embassy headquarters, the Hippodrome in Harare, interrupted the service and led Angel away in handcuffs in front of the people who had come to hear him preach.

That is the image at the centre of this story: a preacher taken from his own pulpit mid-service, now waiting out the weekend in a remand cell while his church asks the world to pray. Everything else - the charge, the bail fight, the church's statement - flows from those few minutes on Sunday 22 November.

Arrested Mid-Service At The Hippodrome

The Zimbabwe Republic Police confirmed the arrest on allegations of indecent assault and sodomy. But the charge actually filed in court is narrower: a single count of aggravated indecent assault under Section 66 of the Criminal Law Code, which carries a sentence of 15 to 20 years. The distinction matters, and it is one the court itself has drawn.

The complaint comes from a 40-year-old mother of six from Bulawayo. She alleges that Angel sexually assaulted her in his office at the Hippodrome in February 2025. The court has barred publication of the names of the complainant and witnesses, and this article will not identify them.

Angel appeared before the Harare Magistrates Court on Tuesday 24 November before Magistrate Francis Mapfumo. He entered no plea.

Prosecutors opposed bail, calling him a flight risk with two passports, foreign ties and an address where he does not live, and arguing that he could interfere with witnesses. The magistrate remanded him to Harare Remand Prison.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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