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Official Statement from the Supporters and Followers of Wat Phra Dhammakaya

Filing an Allegation for the Misuse of Power by the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) at the Office of National Anti-Corruption Commission

With reference to the summons issued by the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) for Phrathepyanmahamuni to appear at its offices to answer charges for being an accomplice in money laundering, for committing the act of money laundering, and for receiving stolen goods, we, the Supporters and Followers of Phrathepyanmahamuni unanimously acquiesce that these charges are groundless, and the action of DSI is unjustified as well as unfair. It is an unwarranted treatment of an ailing monk who has spent forty seven years in the monkhood and is now in the final stage of his life; one who has dedicated his entire life for the practice of good deeds and for helping others. It is our opinion that the charges are based on dubious and biased circumstances.

Here is the basis of our concern:

This is a duplication of a case already trialed. This very same case has already been conducted and concluded, and the trial results had been submitted to the lead prosecutor. The lead prosecutor has already decided to drop the case. Nonetheless, DSI took upon itself to reconstruct the case with new charges: money laundering and receipt of stolen goods. Repeating a case already trialed and concluded is unlawful. It is against the principle of good law practice, which states, "The same offense cannot be trialed more than once."

Therefore, the supporters and followers of Wat Phra Dhammakaya exercise our legal rights to file this letter with the **Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission** to address the mishandling and misuse of power by the Department of Special Investigation, under **Article 157, Section 200**.

Respectfully yours,
Supporters and Followers of Wat Phra Dhammakaya