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In early January 2022, the EFCC has changed its domain name from [efccnigeria.org](#) (which it has been for many years) to [efcc.gov.ng](#)

The effect of this is that any links To pages and articles on their website that use [efccnigeria.org](#) as the domain, do not work. This is a Kazillion of links to their site out in internet-land that no longer work.

Either every single link to all of these articles and pages will have to be changed and updated to the new domain ([efcc.gov.ng](#)) by every single site or webpage which linked to the old domain ([efccnigeria.org](#)) OR the EFCC will have to make Every Single Page on its site accessible via BOTH the old and the new domains. In short, the two domains will have to be made universally equivalent, so that in effect, for all practical purposes, one is the same as the other.

419 Coalition knows this can be done, as we did it on our Own site when we changed our domain from [home.rica.net/alphae/419coal](#) to [419Coalition.org](#) .

To be blunt, so far the "rollout" of this new domain by the EFCC has been an absolute disaster for the agency, given that it has kaputed Many Thousands of links to the EFCC site internet-wide.

We've told them this in no uncertain terms and have told them they need to Fix this problem quickly so that ALL the links - old domain and new domain - to their site and pages therein work.

We await developments..... but are not hopeful

21 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Secures Conviction of Two Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, has secured the convictions of one Fabulous Peter and Osahun O. Aiseosa (a.k.a) Wesley Jackson before Justice D.Z Sanchi of the FCT High Court sitting in Jabi.

They were arrested upon an intelligence report about their suspicious movements and ostensible lifestyles.

They were allegedly housed by one Aleri E.B Sajo, at Cluster 4, River Park Estate, Airport Road Abuja.

The convicts were said to have converted the named address to their hideout and office, using laptops, phones, browsers and other devices, to send emails to scam foreigners and unsuspecting citizens.

Aiseosa, (a.k.a) Wesley Jackson was alleged to have sometimes in June, 2018 at Abuja, fraudulently induced an American, Dian Mary, and defrauded her to the tune of \$15,000, equivalent of N5, 400, 000 (Five Million Four Hundred Thousand Naira) via Guarantee Trust Bank Plc Account No 0167955239.

The convict posed as a Malaysian Company Director with a Malaysian Company, Oil Rig Contractors and professed love to Mary, using email address: wesletjack@yahoo.com. The offence is contrary to section 320(a) of the penal code, Laws of the federation of Nigeria (Abuja) 1990 and punishable under Section 322 of the same law.

Peter and Aiseosa were arraigned separately, thereafter pleaded "guilty" to their charges when it was read to them.

Prosecution counsel, Maryam Aminu Mohammed, thereafter urged the court to convict

them in view of their pleas.

Justice Senchi convicted them and sentenced them to 12 months imprisonment with an option of N1, 000, 000 (One Million Naira) fine each.

The Judge also ordered that properties recovered from them be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo of each convict, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3591-efcc-secures-conviction-of-two-internet-fraudsters>

20 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Ten Suspected Internet Fraudsters

The Port Harcourt's Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested ten suspected Internet fraudsters. They were arrested in different locations and at different times across Port Harcourt (Rivers State), Warri (Delta State) and Asaba (Delta State) in a sting operation.

The suspects are: Alia Jamike Chinemerem; Ogbiugba Ifeany Henry; Uchanna Cyril; Samuel Obomovo; Israel Ogagaoghene; Israel Diaso; Aghariagbonse Destiny; Aretuemhen Frank, Paul Esibhakpen and Loius Idehen. Investigations showed that the suspects were involved in love scam with many of them purporting to be officers of American Army.

Various scam mails where the suspects posed as officers of US Army were traced to them. One of the suspects, Israel Diasco had successfully defrauded an Indian lady, Promilla Lama of huge amount of money still being verified. Another, Chinemerem, (alias Good Thaddy) confessed to be a picker.

A picker is a fraudster that provides foreign accounts to other Internet fraudsters which they usually used to receive money from any unfortunate victim. A picker is allegedly paid 30% of the total amount received in any of such accounts.

Meanwhile, the Port Harcourt's Zonal Office has secured 33 convictions so far in 2018. This was disclosed on Thursday, 20th December, 2018 by the Zonal Head, Mr. Nnaghe Obono Itam in a News Conference in Port Harcourt.

Also, a total sum of N1, 674, 891, 899(One Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy Four Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety Nine Naira) only had been recovered during the period. Also recovered were various sums of \$ 552, 368. 55 (Five Hundred and Fifty Two Million, Three Hundred and Sixty Eight Thousand, Fifty Five Dollars) and 5, 225 Euros.

Meanwhile, the Port Harcourt's Zonal office has commenced investigation of a total number of 358 (Three Hundred and Fifty Eight) Trucks arrested for sundry illegal oil bunkering cases. They were handed over to the EFCC by the 6 Mechanized Division, Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Itam said that the volume of petroleum products carried by the Trucks was 219, 688. 27 metric tonnes. The products are suspected to be Automotive Gas Oil (AGO). 18 Oil Vessels, 13 Barges and 2 Boats were also being investigated for illegal oil bunkering offenses.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3589-efcc-arrests-ten-suspected-internet-fraudsters>

18 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Secures Conviction of Three Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, arraigned and secured the convictions of three Internet fraudsters, fondly referred to as "yahoo-yahoo boys", on December 18, 2018.

The boys – Emeka Anyanechi Ekene, 27; Anthony Oghuma, 26, and Onokebhagbe Okouromi Franklin,

25 were brought before Justice D.Z. Senchi of a Federal Capital Territory, FCT High Court, Jabi, for various offences bordering on Internet fraud.

Ekene was arraigned on a four-count charge bordering on cheating, and for specializing in inducing his victims through a Facebook account, to part with their hard earned money. The offence contravenes Section 95 of the Penal Code, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (Abuja) 1990.

Oghuma, on his part, was arraigned on a one-count charge, bordering on obtaining by false pretence. He allegedly induced a Canadian who goes simply by the name, David, to transfer N2 million to him. The offence contravenes Section 320 (a) of the Penal Code, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (Abuja) 1990 and punishable under Section 322 of the same Law.

Franklin was arraigned on a four-count charge, bordering on obtaining by false pretence, for inducing a New York-based divorcee who goes by the name, Mary, posing as Peter Mark, a Contractor based in Malaysia. He swindled Mary of \$10,000 (about N3.6million) and lured her to send him several expensive gadgets including: Apple Macbook Laptop, Apple Iphone X, Apple Iphone 7, amongst others. His offence contravenes Section 320 (a) of the Penal Code, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (Abuja) 1990 and punishable under Section 322 of the same law.

They did not waste the time of the court as they all pleaded "guilty" to the charges.

Their journey to prison followed an intelligence report received by the EFCC on November 30, 2018, concerning the fraudulent activities of some fraudsters, housed by one Alheri E. B. Sajo, at Cluster 4, River Park in Abuja.

Investigations into the report, revealed that the fraudsters had turned the said property into their "office", equipped with computer laptops and sophisticated phones to defraud Nigerians and foreigners alike. Further investigation also revealed that monies made through their fraudulent activities were used to buy exotic cars, phone, as they lived large.

In view of their separate guilty pleas, prosecuting counsel, Maryam Ahmed, informed the court that they had entered into plea bargains with the EFCC.

Before Justice Senchi delivered his judgement, he cautioned the convicts and commended the EFCC for putting so much work in curbing Internet fraud, which has given the country a bad image in the international community.

"We don't have any other country. It has been done. What will be the impression of the victim, when you go out there and introduce yourself as a Nigerian? How would you feel if you were in the shoes of the victims?", the judge said.

The trial judge, thereafter, sentenced Oghuma to 12 months in prison, with an option of fine of N500, 000. The court also ordered that the N2 million he fraudulently obtained be forfeited to the Federal Government; Franklin was sentenced to 3 months, without an option of fine, while Ekene was sentenced to 6 months with an option of fine of N250, 000

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains pictures of the three convicts, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3580-efcc-secures-conviction-of-three-internet-fraudsters>

17 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Corps Member Over Alleged £12.5m Internet Fraud

The Enugu Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on December 17, 2018 arraigned Ogbonna Victor Chibuzor, a serving member of the National Youth Service Corps, NYSC before Justice A.M. Liman of the Federal High Court, Enugu on a five-count charge bordering on intent to defraud, and possession of fraudulent documents contrary to Section 6 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act.

Ogbonna's arrest was sequel to series of raids carried out by operatives over the past one week in which several suspected fraudsters in their early 20s, alleged to be engaging in online fraud, were arrested having been found to be living a flamboyant lifestyle not commensurate to the means of livelihood.

Analysis carried out on the computer of the suspected fraudster revealed certain incriminating documents intended to be used in swindling gullible Nigerians and foreigners alike.

Further investigations disclosed that Ogbanna uses his e-mail address activitygeneral@hotmail.com to send unsolicited emails to his victims using fake or stolen identity to legitimize his nefarious activities.

One of the documents was addressed to one Alan Christopher of BG Group Plc, Thames Valley Park, Reading, RG6, Berkshire, United Kingdom, with a rider "Your attention is needed" and a second paragraph talking about a UK Pounds 12,500,000 (Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling) unclaimed contract fund.

Another document found with the accused was a purported "Contract Award Certificate" to one Michael Morgan of 101 Brooklyn, New York, United State of America, on "Directing and Fixing of Oil Spillage" in the Niger Delta signed by the Chairman, Contract Tender Board and Chairman, Legal Department of Chevron Nigeria.

He pleaded "not guilty" to the charges preferred against him occasioning his counsel E.O. Isiwu to move a motion for bail, which was opposed by prosecuting counsel, Innocent Mbachie.

The presiding judge, however, granted bail to the defendant in the sum of N500, 000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) and one surety in like sum. The surety, he ruled, "must have a landed property in Enugu which must be verified by the Commissioner of Lands". Ogbonna is to be remanded in prison custody until he fulfils his bail conditions.

The case has been adjourned to January 30, 2019.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo, for as long as it is good;

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3573-efcc-arraigns-corps-member-over-alleged-12-5m-internet-fraud>

14 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Court Sentences Two to Jail for Fraud>/B>

Benin Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday December 14, 2018 secured the convictions of two fraudsters at the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State. One of the convicts, Emeodi Chuks was arraigned on a one count charge bordering on fraudulent trick and attempting to obtain by false pretence.

Upon his arraignment, Emeodi pleaded guilty to the charge and was consequently convicted and sentenced by Justice M. G Umar to six months imprisonment.

The charge reads, "That you Emeodi Chuks on or about the 13th of December, 2017 in Benin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did by means of fraudulent trick; attempted to obtain money from one Vinno Alves when you represented yourself as the owner of a huge sum of money with United Overseas Bank (UOB) through your email account: Mathew_ rawlings@yahoo.com, contrary to Section 421 of the criminal Code Act; Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, C39, 2004 and punishable under Section 510 of the same Acts".

Also convicted by Justice Umar is Kenneth Osamuyi Aganwonyi, who was arraigned on a one count charge bordering on obtaining by fraudulent trick. He was said to have fraudulently obtained some money from one Fatima Umar. Upon his arraignment, Aganwonyi pleaded guilty to the charge and was consequently convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment

The court also ordered that all assets recovered from the defendant as proceeds of crime be forfeited to the victim through the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains photos, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3564-court-sentences-two-to-jail-for-fraud>

14 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Man Over \$4, 607 Alleged Internet Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's zonal office, on Friday, 14 December, 2018, arraigned one Gift Njekwe Onyinechi (a.k.a) Mario Amando before Justice H. I. O. Oshoma of the Federal High Court, sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on 11-count charges bordering on internet fraud and obtaining money by false pretences to the tune of \$4,607.88 (Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Dollars, Eighty Eight Cent).

Onyinechi was arrested at Rumuagholu, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, sometimes in 2016, by operatives of the EFCC, following intelligence report on his alleged involvement in internet-related scam. Phones and other fraudulent documents were recovered from him at the point of arrest.

Count one of the charge read: "That you, Gift Njekwe Onyinechi (a.k.a) Mario Amando, on or about the 4th day of October, 2015 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this honorable court with intent to defraud did obtain the sum of \$209.99 (USD) through moneygram from one Mario Felix Martinex, under the pretence that the said sum is an advance fees for processing tax clearance for their monies been held in CBN, which you purported to have the capacity to secure for them, a pretext you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (1) (a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and Punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges when they were read to him.

In view of his pleas, the prosecution counsel, F. O Dibang asked the court to fix a date for the commencement of trial and that the defendant be remanded in prison custody.

However, counsel to the defendant, Alex Igwe, told the court that he had filed a bail application for his client at the court's registry and served same to the prosecution. He urged the court to grant his prayers.

Justice Oshoma adjourned the case to 17 December, 2018 for bail hearing and 4, 5, 6 March, 2019 for trial. He ordered the defendant to be remanded in prison custody pending the determination of his bail.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3565-efcc-arraigns-man-over-4-607-alleged-internet-scam>

14 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Raids Homes of Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Enugu

The South-East Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has raided the homes of two alleged internet fraudsters: Okechukwu Donald Akachukwu and a couple, Onuora Edgar and his wife, Onuora Adaora Lynda, at Independence Layout, Enugu.

The raid was consequent upon the resolve by the Acting Chairman of the Commission, Ibrahim Magu to intensify the Commission's fight against internet and cyber fraudsters across the country.

Intelligence report gathered by the Commission regarding some people living in opulence lifestyle without any known means of livelihood revealed that the suspects have been defrauding many unsuspecting victims of huge sums of money through their nefarious operations and used such to acquire choice properties across the zone.

A search conducted on the houses and premises traced to the suspects, revealed incriminating items which include: a Mercury Fluorescent lamp used in detecting fake currencies; suspected counterfeited foreign currencies; telephone handsets and other items suspected to be tools of their despicable trade.

Other items recovered from the suspects include: a Toyota Venza SUV, ATM Cards from various banks, and an Apple Macbook laptop.

The suspects will be charged to court as soon investigations into the matter are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3563-efcc-raids-homes-of-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu>

14 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

**EFCC Arrests Fraudster, Banker who Defrauded Hong Kong National
in UK Pounds 79,000 Romance Scam**

A banker and Account Officer with Access Bank, Ojo Adefemi Adedoyin, who allegedly connived with one Favour Oriafoh, 30, to defraud a Hong Kong national, Xu Yue of UK Pounds 79,000 (Seventy Nine Thousand Pounds) have been arrested by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

Their arrest came, following investigation into a petition received from the Hong Kong Police Force, that the young lady was a victim of romance scam traced to Nigeria.

Admitting to the crime, Oriafoh who goes by the con name, Terry Mac, confessed that he opened a FaceBook account in the name, just to defraud whoever falls prey to his baits.

"She had fallen in love with me as Terry Mac, a football agent," he said.

He thereafter took advantage of her love and defrauded her of the said amount, using the domiciliary account of one Adeyemi Hassan Adedeji.

During interrogation, he confessed that the Banker, Adedoyin, provided him with the domiciliary account information to which the money was transferred to.

"The agreement was that whatever funds were received through the account, the account officer and the owner of the account will be entitled to 15 per cent of the funds," he confessed.

The Banker has made useful information to the Commission and they will soon be charge

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3562-efcc-arrests-fraudster-banker-who-defrauded-hong-kong-national-in-79-000-romance-scam>

12 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Magu Congratulates Ex-EFCC Chair, Ribadu on Global Anti-Corruption Award

Ibrahim Magu, the acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has congratulated the pioneer Chairman of the EFCC, Nuhu Ribadu, for winning the most coveted Global Lifetime Award for Anti-Corruption.

Magu, who worked closely with Ribadu as one of the pioneer staff of the anti-graft agency, described the honour conferred on Ribadu by the Qatar-based Think Tank, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Centre, as "a testament to the formidable work which you have done in promoting good governance and accountability in the conduct of public affairs in Nigeria, Africa and across the world".

While describing the award as a very well-deserved one, Magu, noted that "it is delightful that the world has not forgotten your pioneering efforts in establishing the culture of accountability especially in Africa".

"Your trailblazing exploits as pioneer chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission was a turning point in smashing the global stereotype of Africa as a corrupt continent," he added.

According to Magu, "For us at the EFCC, this award is both a source of personal joy, as it is an affirmation of the work of the agency, which you led between 2003 and 2007, as well as an inspiration to continue in your footsteps, assured that whatever sacrifices we make today, will not be in vain."

For Magu, the award of Ribadu, was an "encouragement that it is profitable to uphold the virtues of integrity at a time that rogue elements in our midst will have the people believe otherwise".

"With this honour, we have no doubt that your place in the league of respected icons of anti-corruption is fully cemented," he said.

Here is the URL of the article for as long as it is good"

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3549-magu-congratulates-ex-efcc-chair-ribadu-on-global-anti-corruption-award>

419 Coalition Note: We'd like to add our Compliments, as both Mr. Nuhu Ribadu and his successor, Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde, did demonstrate a desire and willingness to work with us on Counter-419 matters when they were in office, and we appreciated that.

12 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Suspected 24 Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Office has arraigned twenty four students of Olabisi Onabanjo University and the National Open University of Nigeria who were arrested for alleged involvement in various cyber crimes.

Ten of the defendants which include: Agboola Taiwo, Adetayo Tade Ademiluyi, Rabi Daniel, Sokoya Oluwaseyi, Fredrick Shaibu, Oshikoya Gbolahan, Adegbola Kazeem Aina, Ademosun Opeyemi, Tosin Awobona and Babarinde Jacob were arraigned Monday, 10th December, 2018 before Hon. Justice Ibrahim Watilat of the Federal High Court 2 sitting in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Fourteen others, comprising of Adeleke Oluwamayowa, Banjo Femi, Towolawi Olanrewaju, Tijani Babatunde, Sarafadeen Abibullahi, Adebowale Abimbola, Osunkoya Korede, Mufutau Yusuf Akorede, Salisu Ajibola, Olamikan Oluwasiji, Oduwole Gbenga, Damilare Adelaja, Bakare Azeez Adebola and Edward Ayodeji were arraigned on Tuesday 11th December, 2018 before Hon. Justice M. S. Abubakar of the Federal High Court 1 sitting in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The defendants were all arraigned on separate charges bordering on obtaining money by false pretences, impersonation and possession of fraudulent documents.

They all pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against them.

One of the charges against one of the accused persons reads: "That you, Rabi Daniel (a.K.a. Agent Howard Hall) on 23rd June, 2018 at Abeokuta within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud, knowingly had in your possession documents containing false pretences to wit: an e-mail address, howardhall900@gmail.com wherein you represented yourself as; Agent Howard Hall, working for the Government/Facebook Compensation Bonus and Poverty Eradication, and other false pretences, thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6, and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006".

Another charge reads: "That you Adegbola Kazeem Aina (a.K.a. Marry Linson) sometimes in 2018, at Abeokuta within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of \$350 (Three Hundred and Fifty United State of American Dollars) from David Davis, a United State of American Citizen when you falsely represented that you are a woman (Marry Linson), which money you use to collect through Itunes Gift Card and sell them in Naira through AFRBTC.Com, which representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (1)(a) and punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006".

While Six out of the first ten defendants earlier arraigned were granted bail immediately on varying conditions, four of them were denied bail. However, the other fourteen defendants were all granted bail also on varying conditions.

All the defendants were remanded in prison custody at Abeokuta pending the perfection of their bail conditions. While the cases of the first ten (10) were adjourned to the 28th of January, 2019 for trial, the cases of the fourteen (14) were adjourned till 5th, 6th, 7th and 12th of February, 2019 for trial.

The journey to the dock for the suspect began when the EFCC got wind of their activities

through series of intelligence alleging that the suspected fraudsters engaged in fraudulent activities of obtaining money by false pretences through sending emails to unsuspecting victims mostly in the United States of America while others were engaged in romance scam on several dating sites.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo,
for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3548-efcc-arraigns-suspected-24-internet-fraudsters>

7 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

IGP Team Handovers Three Suspected Internet Fraudsters to EFCC

Operatives of the IGP Intelligence Response Team, IRT, has handed over three suspected Advance Fee fraudsters to the Ibadan office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC for further investigation.

The suspects who are between 22 and 29 years of age includes: Ebenezer Adeniyi Oluwafemi, Kolade Samuel Sogo, and Olwagbenga Majeed Ejikunke. They were arrested Tuesday 4th, December, 2018 in Ilesha, Osun State following series of intelligence gathered by the operatives.

Preliminary investigations further revealed that the suspects allegedly got involved in different romance scam posing as female foreigners to fleece unsuspecting victims on the social media.

At the point of arrest, varied fetish materials, two laptops, and five different brands of telephones were recovered from them. Several documents containing false pretences were also recovered from the suspects.

According to the Head, Ibadan Office, Abdurashheed Bawa, the handing over of the three suspects brought the total number of Advance Fee fraudsters arrested in the Ibadan office to 40 in the last couple of weeks. "The zone is no longer a hiding place for the fraudsters", he stated.

Investigation is still ongoing and the suspects will soon be charged to court.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos,
for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3531-igp-team-handovers-three-suspected-internet-fraudsters-to-efcc>

6 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Docks Man For N35.2m FraudAnother For N.3million Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos office, on Thursday, December 6, 2018, arraigned one Micheal Talabi alongside his company, Tom Consult Limited, before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a three-count charge bordering on conspiracy, obtaining by false pretence and stealing to the tune of N35, 240,000.00 (Thirty Five Million, Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Naira).

The complainant, Isabella Etuk, alleged that she was approached by one Omotola Rafiat Laniyan of Tom Consult Limited (who is still at large), claiming that she could offer discounted tickets to travellers on the British Airways Business class.

Etuk also alleged that following her meeting with Laniyan, she contacted and mobilised her friends, who made a total payment of N35, 240,000 to Tom Consult Limited's account to obtain the British Airways Business class tickets.

However, Laniyan, a representative of Tom Consult Limited, was alleged to have failed to deliver the tickets to the victims.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Micheal Talabi, Tom Consult Limited, Mrs. Omotola Rafiat Laniyan (still at large), Balogun Oluwakemi (still at large) and Moris Coleman (still at large) sometime between February, 2018 and July, 2018 in Lagos within the Ikeja Division, dishonestly converted for your own use the sum of N35, 240,000.00 (Thirty Five Million, Two Hundred and

Forty Thousand Naira), property of Mrs. Isabella Etuk.”

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, M.S. Usman, asked the court for a trial date and also prayed that the defendant be remanded in prison custody.

Counsel to the defendants, Adekunle Akinpelu, moved an application for bail dated November 28, 2018 on behalf of his client.

Justice Taiwo, after listening to both counsels, granted the defendant bail in sum of N5 million, with two sureties in like sum.

One of the sureties, according to the court, must have a landed property within the jurisdiction of the court, while the other must be a relation of the defendant. The Judge also ruled that the addresses of the sureties must be verified by the EFCC.

Justice Taiwo ordered the defendant to be remanded in the EFCC custody pending the perfection of his bail conditions and adjourned to February 2, 2019 for commencement of trial.

In a related development, the EFCC, on Wednesday December 5, 2018 arraigned one Oghenevwogaga Emmanuel before Justice Okon Abang of the Federal High Court sitting in Asaba, Delta State on a three count charge bordering on conspiracy and obtaining by false pretence.

The defendant is alleged to have fraudulently obtained the sum of N363, 000 (Three Hundred and Sixty Three Thousand Naira) from one Sandra Rodriguez, an Indian citizen.

One of the count reads: "that you Oghenevwogaga Emmanuel and others now at large on or about the 26th of September, 2017 in Oghara within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of N116,000.00 (One Hundred And Sixteen Thousand Naira) only from one Sandra Rodrigues, an Indian nationale under the false pretence of borrowing the money for the treatment of your sick father which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1(2)of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him. In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Immaculate Elodi, prayed the court to fix a date for hearing and to remand the defendant in prison custody. Attempt by Osama Idehen, counsel to the defendant to move for bail was rejected by the court as he was told to file a formal application.

Justice Abang adjourned the case to February 19, 2019 for hearing.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3525-efcc-docks-man-for-n35-2m-fraud-another-for-n-3million-fraud>

5 DEC 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests 9 Internet Fraudsters in Abuja

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC has arrested nine Internet fraudsters popularly known as Yahoo-Yahoo boys, in Abuja.

The suspects were arrested by the Advance Fee Fraud Section of the Commission on November 30, 2018 through an intelligence report received on the fraudulent activities of the suspected fraudsters residing somewhere along Airport Road, as they were obviously living above their means.

Operatives of the EFCC had carried out surveillance for days on the activities of the fraudsters before they swooped in on them. The suspects are: Edwin Ogbomwan, Okouromi Franklin, Oseji Collins, Collins Onyekwuluje, Anyanechi Ekene, Tony Oviasuyi, Chidi Emeshili, Osaigbovo Aiseos and Osaigbovo Ikponmnsa.

The suspects had turned their residence into a safe haven for fraudulent activities using it as a place of abode and an operational office with computers, laptops, phones, modems, sim cards and so many other tools used to defraud Nigerians and foreigners alike of their hard earned money and valuables.

The suspects had created an identity using the names Thomas Jerry Star and

John Ben.

The suspects aged between 19 and 26 years were arrested with two GLK Mercedes Benz, One Toyota Camry, Lexus Jeep and other valuables worth millions of naira, which they acquired through the proceeds from their fraudulent activities.

They are currently cooperating with the Commission and will be charged to court after investigations are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos of all nine arrestees, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3514-efcc-arrests-9-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja>

23 NOV 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Man over Fraud

The Ibadan office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday 22nd, November, 2018 arraigned one Abayomi Olagoke Olasunkanmi before Justice W. O. Akanbi of the State High Court 3, sitting in Osogbo, Osun State. He was arraigned on a twelve-count charge of conspiracy and obtaining money under false pretence contrary to Section 8(a) and 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, No. 14 of 2006.

The defendant however, pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against him.

One of the count reads: "that you Abayomi Olagoke Olasunkanmi a.k.a. Adedoyin Benson, Babarinde Julius; Pastor Amos Komolafe (at large); Olajire Ezikiel (at large) and Amoo Kazeem (at large) on or about 20th day of June, 2017 at Osogbo within the Osogbo Judicial Division with intent to defraud obtained the sum of N350, 000. (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) from Guaranty Trust Bank account No. 0034871309 belonging to Agbede Oluwasegun Olamide under the false pretence that it was for the purpose of buying chemicals to wash foreign currency (Dollars).

In view of his plea, the defense counsel, S. A. Animashaun filed bail application for the defendant which was served to the prosecuting counsel in court. The prosecuting counsel, Mabas Mabir, however, prayed the court for a date for hearing of the substantive case and the bail application of the defendant.

Justice Akanbi however, adjourned the case to 3rd December, 2018 for hearing of bail application and commencement of trial. Meanwhile, the court ordered that the defendant be remanded in prison custody pending the hearing and determination of his bail application.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3465-efcc-arraigns-man-over-fraud>

22 NOV 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Re-arraigns Two For Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos office, on Thursday, November 22, 2018, re-arraigned one Sylvester Osolase before Justice O.A. Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a four-count charge bordering on possession of documents containing false information. The offence is contrary to Section 6, 8(b) and 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act No. 14 of 2006.

One of the counts reads: " That you, Sylvester Osolase, on or about the 27th of May, 2018 at Lagos, within the Ikeja judicial division of this honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession documents titled "Priority Mail 2-DayTM" and Priority Mail 2-DayTM", which documents were printed out from your email address adcan01@yahoo.com and which you knew contained false information".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him. In view

of his pleas, the prosecution counsel, Vera Agboje, asked the court for a trial date.

However, counsel to defendant, Lekan Egberongbe, prayed the court to allow the defendant to continue to enjoy the bail earlier granted him by the court.

Consequently, Justice Taiwo adjourned the matter to February 4, 2019 for commencement of trial.

In a related development, another suspected Internet fraudster, Mayaki Monday, was today re-arraigned by the EFCC before Justice Taiwo on a 10-count charge bordering on possession of documents containing false information. The offence is contrary to Section 6, 8(b) and 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act No. 14 of 2006.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Mayaki Monday on or about the 27th of May, 2018 at Lagos within the Ikeja judicial division of this honourable court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession e-mail correspondence titled "Re: Their response Mary's lawyer" which you sent from your email address: lawofficebarristerjoe@gmail.com to parts01@yahoo.com which email you knew contained false information".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him. In view of his pleas, the prosecution counsel, Agboje, asked the court for a trial date.

However, counsel to defendant, Egberongbe, prayed the court to allow the defendant to continue to enjoy the bail earlier granted him by the court.

The matter was adjourned to February 4, 2018 for commencement of trial.

The suspects were arrested on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at River View Estate, Isheri North, Lagos State, following intelligence report received by the Commission about their activities.

The suspects, who were dealing in romance and classified scams, confessed to have defrauded several unsuspecting victims around the world.

They also confessed to have used proceeds of their illicit deals to buy cars, paid their rents and travel around the world.

Items found on them include laptops, cars, mobile phones and incriminating documents that were printed from their emails.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3459-efcc-re-arraigns-two-for-internet-fraud>

15 NOV 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests 24 Undergraduates, 12 Others for Cyber Crime

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Ibadan Office has arrested thirty-four suspected internet fraudsters at 21, Sawmill Road Awa-Ijebu, Ogun State.

The suspected cyber criminals who are between 19 and 37 years of age include: twenty-three students of Olabisi Onabanjo University, out of which nine were ladies who allegedly claimed to be girlfriends and or neighbours of some of the suspects; one from the National Open University of Nigeria and twelve others are non-students.

The Commission got wind of their activities through series of intelligence alleging that the suspected fraudsters engaged in fraudulent activities of obtaining money by false pretences through sending emails to unsuspecting victims mostly in the United States of America while others were engaged in romance scam on several dating sites.

At the point of arrest, EFCC operatives recovered over three hundred SIM cards from them. Other items recovered from the suspects include: different models and brands of exotic cars, 18 laptops (nine being of Apple brand), 50 telephones (21 iphones) and two bags of fetish objects (juju) from them. Several documents

containing false pretences were also recovered from the suspects.

Suspects would be charged to court accordingly as soon as investigation is concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3442-efcc-arrests-24-undergraduates-12-others-for-cyber-crime>

15 NOV 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC)

EFCC Docks Man For Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, has arraigned one Olugbeje Nelson Adeoye before Justice Muslim Hassan of the Federal High Court sitting in Ikoyi, Lagos on a 12-count charge bordering on possession of documents containing false information, impersonation and phishing. The offence is contrary to Section 32(1) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention) Act 2005.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Olugbeje Nelson Adeoye, on or about the 25th of May, 2018 at Lagos within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court with intent to defraud had in your possession document showing several e-mail addresses linked to your mobile phone number +234 08168480479 and which e-mail addresses evidenced your having phished and compromised unsuspecting members of the public e-mail addresses and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 32(1) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention) Act, 2015."

Adeoye, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against him.

In view of his plea, the prosecuting counsel, Vera Agboje, asked the court for a trial date and urged the court to remand the accused in prison custody.

However, the defence counsel, Eze Njoku, moved an application for bail on behalf of his client.

Justice Hassan adjourned till November 26, 2018 and remanded the accused in prison custody pending the hearing of his bail application.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3435-efcc-docks-man-for-internet-fraud-2>

10 NOV 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Man over Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office Thursday, 10th November, 2018 arraigned one Oke Omoniyi Benjamin, 33, before Justice U. N. Agomo of the Federal High Court sitting in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. He was arraigned on a six-count charge bordering on obtaining money by false pretence and possession of documents containing false pretence contrary to Section 1 (1), Section 6 and 8 punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006.

Benjamin was arrested sequel to an Intelligence Report received sometimes in August, 2018, alleging that he is into internet fraud and has also defrauded a number of foreigners of their money through fraudulent schemes.

The report however stated that Benjamin used the proceeds of his fraud to buy two cars, and also own a unisex salon known as Signatures Unisex Salon located at No. 238, Ilawe Road, opposite Baptist School, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

At the point of arrest, Operatives of the Commission recovered an Acura TL, 2010 with Registration Number BDG 969FH and a Lexus ES 300, 2002 model with Registration Number EPE 829FJ, two Laptops, two Phones, forged documents and some foreign cheques.

One of the counts reads “that you Oke Omoniye Benjamin on or about the 27th of April, 2018 at Ado-Ekiti within the Ado-Ekiti jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of 1, 450, 000 Canadian Dollars (One Million Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Canadian Dollars) through Western Union/money transfer from one Joan Derk, a Canadian by falsely representing that you are one Sergeant Johnson of United States of America Marines and that the money was needed for preparations towards your marriage with her; which representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1(1)(a) and punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006”.

Another count reads “that you Oke Omoniye Benjamin on or about the 3rd October, 2018 at Ado-Ekiti within the Ado-Ekiti jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud, knowingly had in your possession some documents to wit: online Instagram conversation with one Karen Hart a lady, citizen of United States of America, wherein you pretended to be one Sergeant Johnson of the United States of America Marines, which document contained false pretences and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6 and 8 (b) punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006”.

Benjamin however pleaded not guilty to the charges against him. In view of his plea, the prosecuting counsel, S. M. Galadanchi approached the court for a trial date.

The defence counsel, C.O. Omukhafe presented a bail application on behalf of the defendant to which prosecution counsel however, prayed the court for time to study and enable him react to the application.

Justice Agomo adjourned till 13th, and 27th November, 2018 for hearing on bail application and the commencement of trial. The defendant was remanded in the Federal Prison, Ado Ekiti pending the hearing of his bail application.

Here is the UL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3423-efcc-arraigns-man-over-internet-fraud>

22 OCT 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Docks Man For Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, on Monday, October 22, 2018, arraigned one Elijah Oluwaseun Kuti before Justice Chuka Obiozor of the Federal High Court sitting in Ikoyi, Lagos on a two-count charge bordering on engaging in computer phishing and possession of fraudulent documents.

Count one reads: "That you, Elijah Oluwaseun Kuti, on or about the 20th day of July, 2018, at Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, knowingly and intentionally engaged in computer phishing and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 32 of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act 2015."

Count two reads: “That you, Elijah Oluwaseun Kuti, on or about the 20th day of July 2018, at Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, had in your possession a document with the subject title: "Fill the rental application form for the apartment" containing false pretence, which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 6 of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act No. 14 of 2006.”

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, G. G. Chia-Yakua, asked the court for a trial date and prayed that the defendant be remanded in prison custody.

However, the defence counsel, Chisom Obikeze, prayed the court for a short date to file an application for bail on behalf of his client.

Consequently, Justice Obiozor adjourned the matter till November 6, 2018 for hearing of the bail application and also ordered the defendant to be remanded in Ikoyi prison.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3389-efcc-docks-man-for-internet-fraud>

8 OCT 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Man for Defrauding Army General N180m

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on October 8, 2018 arraigned one Mohammed Sanni Zubair, before Justice Ijeoma L. Ojukwu of the Federal High Court, sitting in Maitama, Abuja, on a 4-count charge of fraud.

Zubair, a suspected serial fraudster, was alleged to be a member of a syndicate, who specialized in defrauding people.

The long arm of the law caught Zubair when the children of one Major General Geoffrey Ejiga (ret'd) petitioned the EFCC alleging that a syndicate of fraudsters took advantage of their father's old age to defraud him of over N180million.

A check on Zubair's profile showed that he had previously been arrested by the operatives of the EFCC sometime in 2016 for a fraud related offence, which he confessed to, saying he acted under the instruction of one Johnson Abiodun, whose real name was Nuhu Kasim.

In the course of investigation, Kasim was arrested in Kano, and it was discovered that the information given by the defendant against him, was completely false. Hence, this charge.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Mohammed Sanni Zubair on or about October 2016, in Abuja, within the Abuja Judicial Division of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, did make a statement to Naziru Aminu Shehu, an officer of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, in the course of the exercise of the duties of his office, contained in your written statement dated 28th October, 2016, which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 39 (2) (a) and (b) of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the counts preferred against him.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Fatsuma Mohammed, prayed the court for a trial date to enable the prosecution prove its case.

But, counsel to the defendant, Joe Agi, SAN, informed the court of the defendant's application for bail, which he said was filed and served on the prosecution shortly before the court started sitting.

Justice Ojukwu, thereafter, adjourned to October 26, 30 and 31 for hearing on motion for bail and trial. The court also ordered that the defendant should continue with the administrative bail earlier granted him by the Commission.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3368-efcc-arraigns-man-for-defrauding-army-general-n180m>

4 OCT 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Man For Internet Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office has arrested one Oke Omoniye Benjamin (33) from Efon-Alaaye, Ekiti State for internet fraud.

Benjamin was arrested following intelligence report, alleging fraudulent internet activities for which a number of foreigners had been victims.

Benjamin allegedly used the proceeds of his fraud to buy two cars, and also own a unisex salon in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

At the point of arrest, Operatives of the Commission recovered an Acura TL, 2010 model with registration number BDG 969FH and a Lexus ES 300, 2002 model with registration number EPE 829FJ, two Laptops, two mobile phones, forged documents and several counterfeit cheques of various foreign Banks.

The suspect will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3367-efcc-arrests-man-for-internet-scam>

1 AUG 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Secures Conviction of Job Scammer

The Kaduna office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on August 1, 2018 secured the conviction of one Ewuga John Amos, who was standing trial before Justice Tukur of the Kaduna State High Court on a one-count charge bordering on impersonation, forgery and obtaining by false pretence.

Amos, after being confronted with incontrovertible evidence chose not to waste the time of the court, and he pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

The charge reads: "That you Ewuga John Amos sometime in January, 2018 within the Judicial Division of High Court of Kaduna with intent to defraud obtained the total sum of N478,000 from members of the public including Yakubu Hassan, Charles Dorothy Kigbu, Ishaku Sunday and David Kasimu Kago by cheating them to wit: securing them employment with the Nigeria Customs Service which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 306(a) of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law, 2007 and punishable under section 307 of the same Law."

Justice Tukur sentenced him to a 190-day jail term or an option of fine of N200,000. The trial judge further ordered restitution of the sum of N478,000 to those he defrauded.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3341-efcc-secures-conviction-of-job-scammer>

5 JUL 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Court Remands Ajudua In Kirikiri Prison

Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos, on Thursday, July 5, 2018, refused a bail application filed by Fred Ajudua, a serial fraud suspect.

Ajudua is facing trial alongside one Joseph Ochunor on a 12-count charge bordering on fraud and conspiracy.

The defendants were alleged to have defrauded one Ziad Abu Zalaf of Technical International Limited in Germany of a sum of \$550,000 in 1993.

At the last adjourned sitting on June 13, 2018, counsel to Ajudua, Norrisson Quakkers, SAN, had urged the court to grant bail to his client on health grounds.

"We filed a seven-paragraph affidavit dated June 12, where we stated the medical situation of the defendant," Quakkers had said.

However, counsel to the prosecution, Temitope Banjo, who stood in for the lead counsel, Seidu Atteh, had told the court that Ajudua's claim of ill health was no longer a valid reason for him to be granted bail.

The prosecution had further described the defendant as a flight risk, adding that "The defendant has relied so much on health grounds for his bail, but an investigation by the Commission revealed that whenever court grants him bail, he will start to write letters of adjournment."

Consequently, Justice Dada had adjourned to July 5(today) for determination of the bail application by the defendant.

Ruling on the application today, Justice Dada held that granting Ajudua bail would further truncate his trial that had suffered a setback since he was first arraigned on March 5, 2009 before Justice Oyefeso.

The Judge, therefore, ordered Ajudua to be transferred to Kirikiri Prison custody pending the determination of his bail application and commencement of trial.

Ajudua was re-arraigned before Justice Dada, following the re-assignment of the case file by the Chief Judge of Lagos State, Justice Opeyemi Oke, for accelerated trial.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3314-court-remands-ajudua-in-kirikiri-prison>

30 JUN 2018

From the Punch, a Nigerian newspaper:

Man impersonates senator on Facebook, defrauds Nigerians

by Samson Folarin

The Lagos State Police Command has arrested one Joel Asabor for allegedly defrauding some Nigerians through a fake recruitment into the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Asabor, who was based in Delta State, impersonated the Senator representing Anambra South Constituency of Anambra State, Andy Uba, in whose name he opened a Facebook account.

Through the Facebook account, the suspect reportedly conversed with job seekers who added him as friends on the platform.

Our correspondent gathered that the victims were asked to pay between N200,000 and N350,000 for processing of employment into oil companies, as they were promised juicy incentives, including a salary of N850,000 per month.

It was learnt that the suspect, whose accomplice also impersonated a member of the House of Representatives, Nkiruka Onyejeocha, defrauded a Lagos resident, Mrs Chinelo Nwadim, of over N300,000

Nwadim, who petitioned the Area Commander, Area D, ACP Olusoji Akinbaji, demanded an investigation into the matter.

A source said the victim had trusted the Facebook account after receiving fake recruitment forms of the NNPC.

He said, "The woman met the suspect on Facebook in December 2017. He used the name of Senator Andy Uba to open the account. He told her that he had influence in the NNPC and could get her a job there. The woman jumped at the offer."

"He promised her a direct reference with the sales manager of NNPC so that she could get the recruitment form with ease. He also sent her a reference code and promised her that Honourable Nkiruka would call her to assist with the processing."

"The fraudster promised to send a recommendation letter to the office of Honourable Nkiruka so that she could get the job."

The source said the suspect, while still impersonating Uba, instructed the victim to make all payments through his accomplice, Nkiruka.

He allegedly advised her to pay N35,850 for the form, assuring her that her monthly salary would be over N850,000.

"After their conversation, the said Honourable Nkiruka contacted her and demanded different sums of money which she paid into a First Bank Account belonging to Asabor Joel. She paid N35,850 for the NNPC form; N28,500 for acceptance form; N45,850 for insurance and N220,000 for passport."

"When N450,000 was demanded for a visa fee, it became clear to the victim that she had been defrauded. She also discovered that all the documents sent to her were forged; that was when she petitioned the area commander through her lawyer," the source added.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Chike Oti, confirmed the incident, adding that police operatives, led by the Area D Commander, travelled to Delta State to apprehend the suspect.

He explained that investigation showed that a lot of Nigerians had been defrauded by the suspect.

He said, "When the report got to the command, the Commissioner of Police, Edgal Imohimi, directed the Mushin Area Commander to fish out the culprit. A police team travelled to Oghara, Delta State, where the leader of the syndicate, Joel Asabor, was arrested and brought to Lagos."

Here is the URL of the article, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://punchng.com/man-impersonates-senator-on-facebook-defrauds-nigerians/>

14 JUN 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Internet Fraudster Bags Jail Term

Justice P. I. Ajoku of the Federal High Court, sitting in Benin City, Edo State, on Wednesday June 13, 2018 convicted Uke Philip Akhator for offences bordering on obtaining by false pretences.

Akhator who was prosecuted by the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, was said to have obtained the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N150,000) Only from one Jakob Sani Mohammed.

The offence is contrary to Section 421 of the Criminal Code Act, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, C39, 2004 and punishable under the same Act.

Upon his arraignment on a one count charge, Akhator pleaded guilty to the offence.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Larry Aso Peters, urged the court to convict and sentence the defendant accordingly. In his response, defence counsel, Padro Egharevba pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercies as the defendant was a

first time offender who has become remorseful.

Justice Ajoku after listening to both counsel, sentenced the defendant to one month imprisonment.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3277-internet-fraudster-bags-jail-term>

14 JUN 2018
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Court Orders Interim Forfeiture of \$75,000

Justice Mojisola Olatoregun of the Federal High Court sitting in Ikoyi, Lagos, on Thursday, June 14, 2018 ordered an interim forfeiture of a sum of \$75,000 recovered by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, from one Kupoluyi Oluleke, to the Federal Government. The judge gave the order, following an ex parte application filed by the EFCC.

Investigations began following intelligence report about a fund transfer of \$75,000.00 received by Oluleke from one Maltos Javier Rios, a United States of America national.

Upon receipt of the report, the EFCC launched investigations into the suspicious transfer and eventually arrested the respondent in Ibadan, Oyo State.

Oluleke was said to have claimed that the money was sent to him by Rio, whom he described as a business associate, to facilitate an estate development plan worth the sum of \$1,000,000.

However, Rios was said to have denied knowing the suspect or even visiting Nigeria.

Rio, who alleged that his computer was hacked, also said that he once received a call from someone who claimed to work with Apple, requesting for his password to do a system upgrade, which he gladly obliged.

Rio further claimed that he subsequently received a call that the money in his account was mistakenly sent to him and that he should transfer the money to Oluleke's account in Nigeria, which he did. Items found in possession of the suspect include a driver's licence belonging to Rio and the supposed agreement.

In her ruling, Justice Olatoregun ordered an interim forfeiture of the money to the Federal Government.

The judge further directed the applicant to publish the order in a national newspaper within 14 days for anyone who is interested in the money to appear before the court to show cause why it should not be permanently forfeited to the Federal Government.

Here is the URL of the press release, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3278-court-orders-interim-forfeiture-of-75-000>

13 JUN 2018
From the Guardian, a Nigerian newspaper:

U.S arrests 30 Nigerians over email scams

By Victor Gbonegun, with agency report

To reduce activities of global email scam artists, the United States of America has arrested 30 Nigerians in a coordinated crackdown on persons who convince respondents to wire them money through fraudulent

activities. In the swipe on fraudulent activities, which also involved 44 nationals from other countries, the U.S. said such scams are prevalent and pledged to pursue perpetrators regardless of where they are located.

Authorities said they have seized, recovered or disrupted more than \$16 million (12 million UK Pounds) since January. The effort, which involved local and federal law enforcement agencies, targeted scammers who trick people into transferring them money, for example by impersonating a business partner or colleague.

The U.S. said arrests occurred in the U.S., Nigeria, Canada, Mauritius and Poland. Some Nigerians allegedly involved in the crackdown include: Adeyemi Odufuye using many aliases including 'Micky,' 'Micky Bricks,' 'Yemi,' 'GMB,' 'Bawz', 'Jefe,' aged 32, and Stanley Hugochukwu Nwoke, aka 'Stanley Banks,' 'Banks,' 'Hugo Banks,' 'Banky,' and 'Jose Calderon' as his several aliases.

They were charged with a seven-count indictment in the District of Connecticut. Their victims were said to have lost approximately \$2.6 million, including at least \$440,000 in actual losses to one victim in Connecticut. A third co-conspirator Olumuyiwa Yahtrip Adejumo, aka 'Ade,' 'Slimwaco,' 'Waco,' 'Waco Jamon,' 'Hade,' and 'Hadey,' aged 32, of Toledo, Ohio, pleaded guilty on April 20 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

The US department of justice said Odufuye was extradited from the United Kingdom to the United States on January 3, and pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft. Nwoke was extradited to the US from Mauritius on May 25, marking the first extradition in over 15 years from Mauritius. His case is pending. Richard Emem Jackson, aka Auwire, 23, of Lagos, was charged in an indictment filed on May 17 in the District of Massachusetts with two counts of unlawful possession of a means of identification as part of a larger fraud scheme.

According to the indictment, on two occasions in 2017, Jackson was alleged to have possessed the identifications of two victims with the intent to commit wire fraud conspiracy. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director, Christopher Wray, whose agency funded and coordinated the operation, said: "This operation demonstrates the FBI's commitment to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises that target American citizens and their businesses."

FBI said people have reported losing more than \$3.7bn since it started tracking the issue through its Internet Crime Complaint Center. Wray said "The devastating effects these cases have on victims and victim companies, affect not only the individual business but also the global economy".

Here is the URL of the article, for as long as it is good:
<http://guardian.ng/news/u-s-arrests-30-nigerians-over-email-scams/>

The Nigerian newspaper Punch covered the story also:
<https://punchng.com/fbi-arrests-74-in-us-nigeria-others-for-fraud/>

The Nigerian newspaper Vanguard and many additional news organizations worldwide also covered the story.

5 JUN 2018

From the Guardian, a Nigerian newspaper:

EFCC re-arraigns Fred Ajudua over alleged \$1m fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has re-arraigned Fred Ajudua before a Special Offences Court in Ikeja, Lagos for allegedly defrauding one Ziad Abu Zalaf of Technical International Limited, a German-based firm of \$1 million.

Ajudua, who pleaded not guilty to the 12 count charges bordering on conspiracy and fraud, was re-arraigned before Justice Mojisola Dada.

His arraignment had suffered series of set back last year before Justice Josephine Oyefeso but the Chief Judge, Justice Opeyemi Oke, reassigned it to the Special Court for accelerated hearing.

The EFCC alleged that Ajudua and his accomplice, Joseph Ochunor, had sometime in 1993 defrauded Zalaf of \$1 million.

Here is the URL of the article for as long as it is good:

<http://guardian.ng/news/efcc-re-arraigns-fred-ajudua-over-alleged-1m-fraud/>

5 JUN 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Man for \$3000 Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Monday June 4, 2018, arraigned one Ajiboye Gbenga before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a three-count charge bordering on obtaining money by false pretence to the tune of US\$3,000. One of the counts reads:

"That you, Ajiboye Gbenga (a.k.a Joseph Markley) between April, 2017 and October, 2017 in Lagos within the Ikeja Judicial Division with intent to defraud obtained the sum of US\$3,000 (Three Thousand United States Dollars) from one Karen H. by falsely representing to her that you are Joseph Markley and that you lost your wallet and needed money which pretence you knew to be false."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Zainab Ettu, asked the court for trial date and to remand the defendant in prison custody.

Counsel to the defendant, Williams Dong prayed the court for a short date to allow him file and serve the bail application.

Justice Dada, however, adjourned the matter to June 8, 2018 for possible hearing of the bail application and remanded the defendant in prison custody.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3255-efcc-arraigns-man-for-3000-fraud>

1 JUN 2018

For a little something different, on the lighter side, here is a little Gallows humor concerning a very serious problem (Romance 419), courtesy of the Nigerian newspaper and website Punch :)

VIDEO: Yahoo boys make us happy, White woman asserts, tells EFCC to back off

An unidentified White woman has said that young Nigerian men involved in Internet fraud make females like her happy, advising anti-graft agencies to stop beaming searchlights on them.

In a short video that is currently trending on YouTube, the obviously ageing White woman calls out the EFCC, asking its men to stop harassing and arresting boys suspected of being involved in internet fraud, popularly called Yahoo Yahoo.

In a post by Mandy News on the video-sharing platform, the unidentified White woman told the anti-graft agency that they (elderly white women) were happy to send the Yahoo Yahoo boys money, saying, "they make us happy."

The video lasted for only nine seconds.

See the video below:

[White Woman Calls on EFCC to Leave Yahoo Boys Alone](#)

Here is the URL of the article, which also contains a link to the Video, for as long as it is good:

<https://punchng.com/video-yahoo-boys-make-us-happy-white-woman-asserts-tells-efcc-to-back-off/>

30 MAY 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Internet Fraudster Bags One Year Jail Term

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, secured the conviction and sentencing of an Internet fraudster, Oluwatobiloba Badejo, before Justice O.A. Williams of the State High court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was arraigned on May 25, 2018 on a two-count charge bordering on obtaining money by false pretence and possession of fraudulent documents to the tune of N124,937.53 (One Hundred and Twenty-four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-seven Naira, Fifty-three Kobo).

Count one reads: "That you, Oluwatobiloba Badejo (aka Lynda Andrew) on or about the 20th of March, 2016, at Lagos within the Ikeja judicial Division, by false pretence and with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of N52,937.53 (Fifty-two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty-seven Naira, Fifty-three Kobo) from one Manuel Alberto Rama Carracedo by falsely representing to him that you are a woman with the name Lynda Andrew, which pretence you knew to be false."

Count two reads: "That you, Oluwatobiloba Badejo (aka Lynda Andrew) on or about the 13th of June, 2016 at Lagos, within the Ikeja judicial Division by false pretence and with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of N72,000 (Seventy-two Thousand Naira) from one Manuel Alberto Rama Carracedo by falsely representing to him that you are a woman with the name Lynda Andrew, which pretence you knew to be false."

He pleaded guilty to charge preferred against him after initially entering a plea bargain with the Commission to refund the sum of N124,937.53 obtained from the victims and also forfeit to the Federal Government a Dell laptop computer, which he used "as the instrumentality of fraud."

The judge, after hearing the terms of agreement reached by both the prosecution and counsel to the defendant, O. Odubela, SAN, had deferred judgment till today (May 30.)

Delivering his judgment, Justice Williams found the defendant guilty on both counts and sentenced him to one-year imprisonment.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3239-internet-fraudster-bags-one-year-jail-term>

28 MAY 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission(EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Three For Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos zonal office, has arrested three suspected Internet fraudsters for conspiracy and possession of fraudulent documents.

The suspects - Sylvester Osolase,30; Seyi Ajayi, 36 and Monday Mayaki, 37 - were arrested on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at River View Estate, Isheri North, Lagos State, following intelligence report received by the Commission about their activities.

The suspects, who were dealing in romance and classified scams, confessed to have defrauded several unsuspecting victims around the world.

They also confessed to have used proceeds of their illicit deals to buy cars, paid their rents and travel around the world.

Items found on the suspects include laptops, cars, mobile phones and incriminating documents that were printed from their emails.

The suspects will soon be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3238-efcc-arrests-three-for-internet-fraud>

28 MAY 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Two Suspected Fraudsters For N7m Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested two members of a syndicate of fraudsters for offences bordering on obtaining money under false pretences to the tune of over N7,000,000.00(Seven Million Naira).

The suspects were arrested at Elomaz Hotel, Maryland, Lagos, following a petition received by the Commission from a complainant.

The complainant alleged that he was approached by one Dr. Lawal Ibrahim, who claimed to be the representative of an American company, Avis Beverages, in Africa for a purported agro-allied business.

He also alleged that he was subsequently introduced to one Dr. Ryan Wood, the purported company's President, and Alhaji Akeem Olagbaju Jamiu, who also posed as the producer of the commodity.

The complainant further alleged that he was asked to register with the commodity producer with N150,000.00 and also make a refundable deposit of N350,000.00.

As part of the grand plan to validate their claim, the complainant alleged that he was asked to register a company and acquire necessary documentations, including certificate of ownership, tax certificate, BNI, NAFDAC, Narcotics Control Board and money laundering clearance certificates in furtherance of the business.

The fraudsters were alleged to have also instructed the complainant to register with Avis Beverages with \$65,000.00 USD once it was clear that he could obtain all the necessary documents.

However, the complainant, through a petition, sought the intervention of the Commission when he became suspicious of the transaction, a development that eventually led to the arrest of the suspected fraudsters.

The suspects will soon be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3235-efcc-arrests-two-suspected-fraudsters-for-n7m-fraud>

20 MAY 2018

From Vanguard, a Nigerian newspaper:

**UK jails 2 Nigerians, Mmaduike, Kashimawo over alleged
1m UK Pounds cyber fraud**

Two Nigerians, Emmanuel Mmaduike and Olawale Kashimawo, both 31, who operated a London-based cyber crime group have been jailed after stealing more than UK Pounds 1m.

The two Nigerians spent the money on "a lavish lifestyle", according to the UK National Crime Agency.

According to a report by Sky News, the pair hired a helicopter and drove "flash cars", and "posed for photographs of themselves with wads of money, expensive watches and drinking champagne".

They ran their scams from southeast London after obtaining thousands of business email addresses and passwords - which they used to divert payments away from legitimate companies to themselves.

Known officially as "business email compromise" (BEC), the attack involves the criminal impersonation of a senior executive and attempting to convince the victim to transfer funds.

UK's National Cyber Security Centre said BEC scams are one of the fastest growing forms of cyber crime. According to a 2017 report by networking company Cisco, cyber criminals made \$5.3bn (3.9bn UK Pounds) from BEC in just three years.

Mmaduike's role was to access the victim's email accounts and change invoices so that payments were directed to mule bank accounts run by Kashimawo. His collaborator then laundered the cash by arranging withdrawals and international bank transfers which were carried out by other fraudsters.

The pair is believed to have carried out more than 1m UK Pounds of fraud and money laundering between April 2015 and November 2015, according to the NCA.

Mmaduike was jailed in March 2017 for six years and 10 months after he admitted money laundering and fraud. He also admitted perverting the course of justice in relation to a sham marriage to a Dutch national.

On Thursday, his accomplice Kashimawo was jailed at Kingston Crown Court for six years and nine months after admitting two counts of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The head of investigations at the NCA's National Cyber Crime Unit (NCCU), Tony Adams, said: "UK businesses should exercise caution when authorising significant transactions - particularly if there is a last-minute change of account details."

"If in doubt speak to the intended recipient of the funds on the phone prior to making a large payment."

"Keep passwords safe and do not use the same passwords for multiple online accounts."

"The NCA and our partners are continuing to tackle business email fraud and money laundering. It is imperative victims report such compromises as soon as possible and retain all evidence."

Here is the URL of the article, which includes photographs, for as long as it is good:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/05/uk-jails-2-nigerians-mmadiuke-kashimawo/>

19 MAY 2018

From Punch, a Nigerian newspaper, an excellent article by Eric Dumo too long to be posted here, but we'll provide a link, for as long as it is good:

[Yahoo Boys' new tactics of evading harassment, arrest](#)

14 MAY 2018

From NigeriaNews.net, a Nigerian website. Sent in by
Ultrascan AGI:

The Celebrity Status Of Yahoo Boys In Nigeria

By Adebayo Abiodun

The social media slay queens who hide under the guise of acting, make-up artistry, event management, fashion blogging, modeling and other flexible jobs to sell their bodies have also gone into overdrive over the attack on Yahoo Boys. These guys are one of their biggest customers keeping them in business and sponsoring their upscale lifestyles.

This journalist took his time to read hundreds of social media comments for and against internet scam and the survey has yielded appalling and shameful results. In saner climes, this topic doesn't warrant any debate but an outright condemnation of the act.

Nigerians benefiting from internet scam have flagrantly defended the internet fraudsters publicly without shame. If these people have their way, internet fraud would be enshrined in the Nigerian constitution as it supposedly generates 'foreign exchange' for the local economy in contrast to unscrupulous politicians who take money out of the already fragile economy to stash in foreign banks or buy vast properties outside the country.

A section of social media commenters even believe the Yahoo Boys who have fully delved into rituals to jinx their victims into making huge payments for phantom deals are avenging the crimes of the whites against the blacks for the 400 years of slavery. In the crime world, most criminals have a way of seeking justification for their crimes to subdue their conscience so that they could sleep well at night. Even the dreaded terrorist group, Boko Haram has a fine narrative to suit its quest for blood and destruction. But, in the real sense, there is no justification for being an outlaw.

Social media influencer and Lagos socialite, Noble Igwe has been criticized vehemently on social media platforms for exposing the business fronts through which these scam artists launder their dirty money in Lagos. He drew attention to real estate and property businesses, record label ownership (which singer Dbanj also confirmed some months back) car shops as well as other outlets in the privileged Island area of Lagos State. His tweets have been regarded as 'snitching' which is a popular black American cliché for condoning crime.

Those opposing him are not even faceless people, they are prominent figures in the entertainment circle using their large following and verified accounts to hit the fashionista in a brazen way as it fraud is a legalized part of the Nigerian economy. This is not the Nigerian dream and one wonders how we got here.

Dating a 'god fearing' and loving internet fraudster has become the dream of most girls in Lagos. Following some wealth-flaunting celebrities on Instagram has spurred them to lust after ostentatious products like iPhones, iPads, designer shoes, clothes, Exotic meals, wines, cars, top class hotels, vacation in some tourist centres across the world especially Dubai and engage in all sorts ephemeral of activities that could be used to intimidate their pairs.

Yahoo Boys who can be safely called armed robbers whose guns are laptops and operation area is the internet have become fixers celebrated by some parents as long as they are generous with their loot. This red-carpet treatment given to them is setting a bad precedent that would mortgage societal balance as well as the development of Nigerian youths.

Majority of people don't care about hard work anymore. Academics are being mocked for finishing school in flying colours and working for peanuts while the uneducated fraudsters who wasted the sunny days of their lives at beer parlours, engaging in drug abuse and chilling at dark corners with prostitutes, ride the best of cars and even open businesses that could employ the educated.

This acceptance of fraud as a way of life which has almost formed a foundation of Lagos State - commercial capital of Nigeria where workers painstakingly earn an average of N100,000 per month is happening in the face of a #NotTooYoungToRun campaign aimed at ensuring young people take up public positions in Nigeria. There is this general belief that Nigeria would be better off if the apparent system of 'Gerontocracy' is abolished and the youths with fresh ideas assume power.

With the calibre of youths seen supporting fraud, I think the present formidable team of political jobbers is set to change to more energetic, hungrier, tactical and, brilliant ones. There is no light at the end of the tunnel. The agitations for direct political participation by pseudo intellectuals and half-baked political analysts on Twitter are mostly being made by youths who are indirectly bitter about being shut out of the heist being committed at the corridors of power daily.

The same Nigerians who complain about the weakness of the Nigerian international passport are the ones stealing with strong political will, operating as rug rags on the internet giving the country a bad reputation in the developed world. Nigerians are like desperados outside the country; they could even betray their mothers just to make their lives worthwhile.

This has had a malignant effect on foreign investments in Nigeria as businesses to a large extent have to do with trust. What we see here are long term growth and development prospects being sacrificed for the short term benefits of a greedy few.

Nigerians abroad are being treated with disdain and disrepute simply because of the sins of a faceless few swallowing the lifetime savings of responsible people overnight only to satisfy youthful exuberance with the stolen funds.

There have been cases of victims becoming drug addicts, alcoholics, getting heart attacks, committing suicide and parting with their beautiful families after losing huge savings to Yahoo Boys who ignorantly attribute their successes to 'God'. There is danger as the new crop of Nigerian youths doesn't want to work, they just want to get rich and scam is the way.

Most families, friends and acquaintances don't care about the source of the money, they just want to celebrate the spender and enjoy their share. The Yahoo Boys are their heroes and messiahs.

Permit me to end my piece with the wise words of the creative director and lead producer at Soundcity TV, Olamide Adedeji about the Yahoo Boys saga as seen on Twitter:

"Yahoo boys are armed robbers. Armed with computers harming people and corporations. So please, file them next to Drug dealers, thieves, money launderers etc."

"They don't deserve to be glorified, praised or emulated. We need this reality check".

They are not necessarily the most educated, attractive, eloquent, innovative or intelligent people in the country but the society embrace them due to size of their bank accounts.

They date the most beautiful, educated and sophisticated girls of your dreams even when they represent the opposite of what the girl really wants; that's the power of money. Also, they roughly wear the most expensive jewelries, shoes, clothes, throw the biggest parties, lodge endlessly in fancy hotels and paint the town red in the best cars.

They are the internet fraudsters popularly known as G-Boys or Yahoo Boys. These sets of people cause massive damage both home and abroad in a slow manner which could be likened to the effect of drug abuse on human beings.

Back home, the losses are immeasurable. Nigeria records about N127 billion loss annually to cyber-crime. Nigeria has been ranked third in global internet crimes, coming after United States of America and United Kingdom respectively. In 2014 alone, the anti-graft agency - Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC reported that customers in Nigeria lost about N6 billion to cyber criminals. Banks in Nigeria have lost approximately N159 billion to electronic frauds and cyber-crimes between 2000 and 2013.

I'm sure the Global North countries that are the prime victims can't fully count their losses even if they want to.

According to a report by Ultrascan AGI, a subsidiary of Ultrascan Research Services - an international research organization, a whopping sum of \$12.7 billion was lost to Nigerian scams (focusing on Advance Fee Fraud statistics) in 2013. In 2012, losses totaled \$10.9 billion from \$9.6 billion in 2011. Another report says that \$50 million is lost annually to romance scams which our brothers participate actively in.

In the U.S, romance scams account for the highest financial losses of all internet-facilitated crimes according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI. Reported losses in 2016 exceeded \$230 million according to a conservative report as only 15% of the crimes are being reported.

Earlier this year, an 82-year-old grandmother in the U.S, Marjorie Earl Jones who lost all of her money to a con artist, was so devastated by the scam that she committed suicide.

Similarly, a lonely bachelor in the United Kingdom - Ian Doney, 51, sent thousands of pounds and paid for flights after believing he had met one girlfriend online and she was travelling to the UK. He also committed suicide on the 30th of August, 2016 after being scammed.

After he spent all day waiting fruitlessly at the airport, he went on to give more money for medical bills because he was told her visit had been prevented by an accident.

"He had not had a relationship with anybody. He just wanted a family."

"He was borrowing money to send over there. He wasn't eating properly and he was starving himself. Anything he could sell, he sold it." his sister, Gillian Doney revealed. These are just a few examples of the catastrophic effects of internet fraud on individual lives.

The Yahoo Boys have presented Nigerians are predators in the international community who are considered too radioactive to have to have a dealing with.

Remember the ne'er-do-wells you mocked during your first degree days. I mean the Indian Hemp smokers and drunks who failed to pass the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB examination, they are now the kings of the streets with the cash to throw around just like El Chapo and Pablo Escobar. Some of them like the popular de facto Gucci ambassador, Hushpuppi now command elephantine followership on social media through which they now mentor people. They regularly do giveaways to build their presence online and compete with the regular celebrities.

The economic downturn in Nigeria has made even the most principled vulnerable to them. Religious and societal values have also been abandoned for a mesh of porridge provided by these people who ruin lives through the keyboard. Even though, many believe internet fraud is a manifestation of age-long political corruption and economic hardship in Nigeria, there is no justification for living off the sweats of others like parasites in the ecosystem.

12 suspected internet fraudsters were apprehended by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, (EFCC) Lagos Zonal Office in collaboration with the Nigeria Police on Friday arrested in an Ikoyi Club in Lagos

State with ostentatious properties seized from them as investigation continues.

This action has sparked ripples across the country with majority of Nigerian youths remaining divided concerning the bust. The usual flimsy excuses of the Yahoo Boys are that the government made them monsters and the politicians who are their role models are constantly stealing in million folds in the comfort of their offices with law enforcement agents and flawed institutions of state protecting them.

Unemployment and underemployment have been majorly blamed for the surging spate of cyber-crimes in Nigeria. Most Nigerians feel comfortable about internet fraud as far as they are not the victims.

Part of the praise-singers of the fraudsters are Nigerian musicians prominently 9ice, Reminisce, Olamide, Small Doctor, Olu Maintain, Kelly Hansome, Tupengo and others taking such actions to either show gratitude for previous financial assistance or probably curry favour from them. This is dangerous to the young minds because music is powerful; it could penetrate and control human minds in the fastest way possible.

Here is the URL of the article, which includes a graphic, for as long as it is good:

<https://www.nigerianews.net/the-celebrity-status-of-yahoo-boys/>

14 MAY 2018

From Ripples Nigeria, a Nigerian website, sent in by our friends from Ultrascan AGI:

Celebs lash out at activities of 'Yahoo boys'

By Ahmed Boulor

The trio of Afrobeat musician Seun Kuti, rapper Eldee tha Don and Noble Igwe, the Chief executive officer of 360group have all lashed out at the activities on cyber criminals better known in local parlance as 'Yahoo Yahoo boys'.

Weighing-in on the recent arrest 12 suspected internet fraudsters and the recovery of 10 cars after a raid on Club 57 in Ikoyi, Lagos, by men of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Seun Kuti said he wonders why Nigerians can't express our success outside of white validation.

He wrote on Facebook; "Wetin yahoo boy dey take money do? No be to buy expensive white man things? Lol. If they weren't busy buying White man drink but building their communities maybe just maybe, I will see dem but I don't. Steal white man's money and the only way u can express that wealth is too seek validation by consuming the most expensive white man things and u say u are a Gee?"

"All Yahoo boys are Mugus for whitey still, dem be learner. Wait that 100k u used 3 months to set the job how long did it take Gucci to collect it back? MUGU. Until we can express our success outside of white validation thru their brands and luxury items of status and class, U STILL BE MUGU."

In the same vein, rapper Eldee who admitted that his song "big boy" unwittingly contributed to the decay posted on Twitter saying our insatiable need for acceptance and regard in our society drives much of how we perceive ourselves and the decisions we make in our daily lives.

"We have a society that today finds justification for corruption, armed robbery and fraud...because it doesn't matter anymore how you get it, just get it, and for no other reason than to flaunt it."

"I made the song 'big boy' and unwittingly contributed to the decay... I know better today."

"Poverty has a strong impact on our self-esteem as a people. The need to fill a low self-esteem gap with material things is what has led our

society as a whole to where we are today."

"Our insatiable need for acceptance and regard in our society drives much of how we perceive ourselves and the decisions we make in our daily lives."

"And because of that, our perception of who we are and what we are worth has become one of our most basic human needs, right after food, and security," Eldee stated.

Noble Igwe also added his voice when he took to Twitter to call on the EFCC to arrest more internet fraudsters.

Noble posted on the social media platform saying: "Record label Estate/Property Business Car Selling business The Above are major 419 /fraud fronts in Nigeria."

"EFCC needs to have a waiter stationed at every club within Lekki & VI. After last night, club owners are going to record low sales and Uber drivers will be busy tonight."

"Online stores and stores on Admiralty/Fola Osibo are used for money laundering."

"Armed robbers on Instagram are regarded as G boys but in reality, theirs a different type of stealing."

"People steal and then turn around to blame the government for making them criminals."

"Anyone that defends a criminal is a criminal and while we have a list for people advocating rape culture, we should also have one for such people," he recommended.

Here is the URL of the article, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://www.ripplesnigeria.com/celebs-lash-out-at-activities-of-yahoo-boys/>

3 MAY 2018

There is an excellent article on recent 419 operations on the Wired.com site, which is too long to be put up in full here, so we give the URL of the article below.

The article is headlined:

Nigerian Email Scammers Are More Effective Than Ever

Here is a link to the article for as long as it is good:

[Nigerian Email Scammers Are More Effective Than Ever](#)

26 APR 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Docks Ekiti Varsity Final Year Student for Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Thursday, April 26, 2018 arraigned one Ilesanmi Babatunde Yemi, a final year accounting student of Ekiti State University, before Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State, on a 5-count charge of fraud and romance scam.

Yemi allegedly specializes in love and romance scam on internet. The defendant, while posing as American Army Officer by the name 'Dennis Martinez' serving in Libya allegedly engages unsuspecting ladies on the internet in a dating and romance scam through which he fleeces them of their money. The last victims were two ladies from Australia which he allegedly swindled to the tune of \$500 (five hundred dollars), in tranches.

One of the counts reads:

"That you, Ilesanmi Babatunde Yemi, sometimes in year 2014, at Ibadan within the jurisdiction of this Federal High Court, did directly take possession of the sum of 7,000 British Pounds only transferred to you by one Carolyn Hide which sum you knew or reasonably ought to have known forms part of the proceeds of your unlawful act and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 15(2) (d) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2011 (As Amended) and punishable under Section 15 (3) of the same Act".

The defendant however, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

In view of his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sanusi Galadanchi, applied for a date for trial and urged the court to remand the defendant in prison custody.

However, the defense counsel, Olatunde Adeoye informed the court of a pending application praying the court to admit the defendant to bail. He also urged the court to allow the defendant remain in the EFCC's custody pending the hearing of his bail application.

Justice Abdulmalik, however, ordered that the defendant be remanded in the Federal Prison, Agodi and adjourned to May 8, 2018 for hearing of the bail application.

Here is the URL of the new release, which contains a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3198-efcc-docks-ekiti-varsity-final-year-student-for-internet-fraud>

[See 23 JAN 2018 News for more on this matter]

19 APR 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Man for Alleged \$22, 300 Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday April 19, 2018 arraigned one Oluokun Gabriel Adekola of Kolanifemi New Era Foods Nigeria Enterprises, before Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on a six-count charge bordering on obtaining money under false pretense and money laundering to the tune of 22, 300 US Dollars. The offence is contrary to Section 1(1) (a) and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and Section 17(1), (a) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2011 (as amended in 2012) and punishable under Section 17(1) (b) of the same Act.

The defendant allegedly diverted the sum transferred to him by a Taiwanese lady who resides in China for the supply of 100metric tons of sesame seeds. After collecting the sums, the accused failed to transact the business as agreed but allegedly diverted the money to other use.

The defendant however, pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to him.

Upon his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sanusi Galadanchi asked for a trial date. However, the defense counsel, Akim Maisolati informed the court of a pending bail application dated 10th April, 2018. The prosecution however, did not oppose the application for bail.

Justice Abdulmalik admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Naira and one surety in like sum. The surety shall be a Civil Servant in the Oyo State Civil Service not below Grade level 15. The surety shall be an owner of a developed land and the certificate of occupancy of the land shall be verified by the registrar of the court. The surety shall depose to an affidavit of means with his passport photograph attached.

The defendant was remanded in Agodi prison pending the perfection of his bail terms.

The case is adjourned to May 7, 2018 for trial.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3183-efcc-arraigns-man-for-alleged-22-300-fraud>

13 APR 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)

Court Convicts Fraudster for Car Auction Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission have secured the conviction of one Eboge Daniel Ebiogbo before Justice R.A Sadiq of the Kano State High Court on a one count charge of Criminal Breach of Trust.

The convict ran into trouble after the commission traced the sum of N70,000 (Seventy Thousand Naira Only) which turned out to be proceed of crime he committed against the complainant one Samson E Davies.

The complainant alleged that sometime in 2015, while he was browsing the internet, he came across an advert for car auction purported to be from the Nigeria Customs Service.

He contacted one Mrs Funmi who lured him into believing that he won the bid of a Toyota Camry at the cost of N250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only). However, before he realised it was a scam, he had already parted with the sum of N70,000 (Seventy Thousand Naira Only) which he paid into the account of the convict.

The convict did not waste the time of the court and pleaded guilty upon arraignment.

Considering his plea, Justice Sadiq convicted him and sentenced him to a fine of N20,000 (Twenty Thousand Naira Only). The convict was also ordered to restitute the sum of N70,000 (Seventy Thousand Naira Only) to the complainant.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3174-court-convicts-fraudster-for-car-auction-scam>

10 APR 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests 14 Suspected Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, arrested 14 suspected Internet fraudsters.

The suspects are: Abiola Kayode, Adeleye Adewale, Adeniyi Abiola, Favour Iruabo, Iyiola Olayemi, Lawal Remilekun and Martins Adetunji.

Others are: Obafunsho Oladipupo Samson, Olaleye Bamilola Hassan, Oseni Ridwan, Peter Ayobami Samuel, Peter Toluwabori, Prince Jibril Dirisu and Richard Jerry John.

The suspects were arrested in the Badore Seaside, Ajah area of Lagos State, following intelligence report received by the Commission about their activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include exotic cars and laptops.

The suspects will soon be charged to court as soon as investigations

are concluded.

Meanwhile, their arrest is a pointer to the fact that the Commission is committed to sustaining its clamp down on perpetrators of cyber crimes, especially in line with its mandate to make the country free from corruption and economic and financial crimes.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains photos of many of the arrestees, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3167-efcc-arrests-14-suspected-internet-fraudsters>

22 MAR 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC ARRAIGNS A SUSPECTED FRAUDSTER FOR DUPING A SWISS \$18,023

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, 20 March, 2018, arraigned Leeroy Egebe, (alias Amedeo Dante William, Alhassan Davide) before Justice E. A. Obile of the Federal High Court, sitting in Warri, Delta State on an 8-count charge bordering on conspiracy and obtaining money by false pretence to the tune of \$18,023.96 (Eighteen Thousand, Twenty- Three Hundred Dollars, Ninety- Six Cent).

Egebe's troubles began when one Vivian Varotto-Guigoz, a citizen of Switzerland, petitioned the EFCC alleging that, she met one Amedeo William Dante (the defendant) who claimed to be an Italian living in the United Kingdom on a social dating site called "Badoo". They became lovers, exchanging emotional messages and later cash.

She alleged that, on several occasions, between 12 May and 14 October, 2015, she wired a total sum of CHF 196,701.44 and EUR 15, 957.43 to different individuals in the United Kingdom, Canada and Nigeria at the request of Dante, for sundry reasons which she later discovered to be fraudulent.

The payments were allegedly made in five instalments: two into British accounts belonging to Amedeo William Dante and Dittimi Tamara-Finide while three were made into Nigerian accounts belonging to Alhassan Davide and Edin Obaro. The petitioner also alleged that the defendant was reaching her through some English, Canadian and Nigerian telephone numbers.

Count one of the charge read: "that you Leeroy Egede (a. k. a) Amedeo Dante William, Alhassan Davide, one Tamara-Finide and Edin Obaro (now at large) sometime in May, 2015, at Udu, Warri, Delta State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did conspire among yourselves to commit felony to wit: obtaining money by false pretence, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006".

Another count read: "that you Leeroy Egede (a. k. a) Amedeo Dante William, Alhassan Davide, on or about the 20th day of April, 2015, at Udu, Warri, Delta State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, with intent to defraud, did obtain the sum of (\$3,564.66) Three Thousand , Five Hundred and Sixty Four dollars, Sixty - Six cent under false pretence from one Viviane Varotto-Guigos, a Swiss Nationale, which said sum was transferred to your Account domiciled at Diamond Bank Plc by one Tamara-Fiide Dittimi, a pretence you knew to be false, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (1) (a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges when they were read to him.

In view of his pleas, the prosecution counsel, M. T. Iko asked the court to fix a date for the commencement of trial. However, counsel to the defendant, K. D Alufe, made an oral application for bail for his client. He argued that the alleged offences were bailable and that the defendant did not jump an earlier administrative bail by the prosecution.

In his ruling, Justice Obile granted the defendant bail in the sum of N3,000,000.00 (Three Million Naira), one surety in like sum. The surety must be a public servant in the service of Federal or Delta state government on grade level 12 and above. The defendant and the surety must depose to an affidavit of means among other conditions.

The matter was adjourned to 10 May, 2018 for trial, while the defendant was remanded in prison custody pending the perfection of his bail conditions.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efcnigeria.org/efcc/news/3141-efcc-arraigns-a-suspected-fraudster-for-duping-a-swiss-18-023>

1 MAR 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Alleged Fraudster for N8.8m Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today, March 1, 2017 arraigned one Mordi Chukwuwike before Justice P .I. Njoku of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin, Edo State.

Chukwuwike was arraigned on a 15 count charge bordering on money laundering.

He was alleged to have sometime in September, 2013, conspired with Nnamdi Nwanze and Abiola Tunde (both at large) to directly take possession of over Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Three Naira Four kobo (8,857,443,04) only from one Cheah Cheow Ping, a Malaysian.

One of the counts reads: "that you Mordi Chukwuwike, on 18th day of October, 2013 in Benin City within the jurisdiction of this honourable court directly took possession of the sum of One Million Four Hundred and Fifty- Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Nine Naira(1,458,269) only from one Cheah Cheow Ping, a Malaysian, money which to your knowledge, was proceeds of unlawful act, and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 15(1)(2)(d) of the Money Laundering (prohibition) (amendment) Act, 2012 and punishable under section 15(3) of the 2012 Act".

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

In view of his plea, the prosecution council, S.M.H Ibekwute asked the court fix a date for trial. However, the defence counsel, S.I.Agoha told the court that she had filed an application for bail.

Justice P.I. Njoku after listening to both counsel adjourned the case to March 6, 2018 for hearing of the bail application and March 16, for the commencement of trial.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efcnigeria.org/efcc/news/3099-efcc-arraigns-alleged-fraudster-for-n8-8m-fraud>

19 FEB 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Court Jails Man One Year for N1.5m Love Scam

Justice Muhammad Yahaya of Kano State High Court on Monday, February 19, 2018 convicted and sentenced one Abubakar Isiaku (also known as Hajia Fatima) to one year imprisonment on one-count charge of obtaining by false pretence preferred against him by the Kaduna zonal office of the Economic and Financial crimes Commission, EFCC.

Isiaku, while disguising as a woman was said to have defrauded many unsuspecting members of the public via Facebook.

In one of his operations, he allegedly lured a complainant into a relationship and in the process swindled her of N1.5million.

Arraigned on December 18, 2017, Isiaku initially pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge, but when confronted with damning evidences by the prosecution he changed his plea to 'guilty'.

Following his admittance of guilty, the prosecuting counsel, Sa'ad Hannafi Sa'ad, urged the court to convict and sentence him according to the dictates of the law.

After the evaluation of the evidences placed before the court, Justice Yahaya pronounced Isiaku guilty of the charge and consequently sentenced him.

The judge also ordered the convict to pay the sum of N1.5million to the complainant as restitution.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3061-court-jails-man-one-year-for-n1-5m-love-scam>

19 FEB 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Docks Man for Internet Scam, Money Laundering

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office on Monday, February 19, 2018 arraigned one David Ayomide Raphael before Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State, on an eight-count charge of money laundering.

Raphael was arraigned following an anonymous petition alleging that a syndicate of fraudsters who resides at Kola area, Oluyole, Ibadan was into fraudulent activities.

Investigation into the petition by operatives of Commission revealed that members of the syndicate - Davies Ayomide Raphael and two others at large (Oyewole Segun Samuel and Adeyemi Adewumi Segun) were specialized in internet scam through which they defraud innocent people, while using fictitious address to purchase items online such as cars and furniture with fake PayPal.

It was also discovered that the defendant also engages in online dating to defraud unsuspecting victims.

One of the counts reads:

"That you, Davies Ayomide Raphael, Adeyemi Adewumi Segun (at large) and Oyewole Segun Samuel (at large) on or about the 4th of January 2016, at Ibadan within the jurisdiction of this Federal High Court, did agree amongst yourselves to commit an offence, to wit: money laundering and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 18 (a) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2011 (As Amended) and punishable under Section 15 (3) of the same Act".

Another charge reads:

"That you, Davies Ayomide Raphael on the 20th of June 2016, at Ibadan within the jurisdiction of this Federal High Court, did directly take possession of the sum of N235,000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Naira) only transferred to you by Adeyemi Adewumi Segun which sum you knew or reasonably ought to have known form part of the proceeds of your unlawful act and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 15 (2) (d) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2011 (As Amended) and punishable under Section 15 (3) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against him.

In view of his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sanusi M. Galadanshi prayed the court for a trial date and urged the court to remand the defendant in prison custody.

However, counsel to the defendant, J. A. Sanusi informed the court of a

pending bail application on behalf of his client and prayed the court to allow the defendant remain in the EFCC's custody pending the hearing of the application.

Justice Abdulmalik granted the prayer and ordered that the defendant be remanded in EFCC's custody pending hearing of his bail application.

The case is adjourned to February 27, 2018 for hearing of bail application and commencement of trial.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3059-efcc-docks-man-for-internet-scam-money-laundering>

7 FEB 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Two for Impersonation and Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested one Barr. Mike Nkwocha, and a self-professed Colonel of the United States Army, Richardson Obasogie for impersonating EFCC operatives to obtain \$10,000 by false pretense.

The victim had petitioned the EFCC alleging that one Ladan Mustapha who claimed to be an operative of EFCC, gave him a call informing him that there was a petition against him which bordered on illegal acquisition of assets in different parts of the country and that he was currently a subject of investigation.

Together with his partner Nkwocha, a meeting was arranged, in which \$200,000 was demanded as gratification in order to "kill" the case, but \$15,000 was later agreed upon as payment.

An initial payment of \$5,000 cash was made to Nkwocha while he continued to pressure him for the balance of \$10,000.

However, suspecting foul play, after a retired personnel of the DSS told the petitioner that EFCC operatives don't demand money to carry out official duties, the EFCC was petitioned.

Consequently, Nkwocha was arrested. Upon arrest, he confessed that Obasogie was the "brain" behind the fraud.

A search warrant was executed on their houses which resulted in the recovery of: letter-head papers of the United States Government, Department of State Services (DSS), National Intelligence Agency (NIA), Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and Bayelsa State Government and one computer system.

Nkwocha and Obasogie will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Meanwhile, operatives are intensifying search for Mustapha Lada, who is currently at large.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes two photos, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3031-efcc-arrests-fake-america-colonel>

24 JAN 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Man for 30,000 UK Pounds Love Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, arrested one Fidelis Iruedo, a suspected love scammer, for allegedly defrauding a United Kingdom citizen of Thirty

Thousand UK Pounds) in a romance scam.

Luck ran out of Iruedo, 31, after a petition to the Commission by the Nigerian High Commission, London, on behalf of one Alan Digweed, a UK citizen, alleging that the suspect had defrauded his victim of the said amount of money.

Investigations by the EFCC revealed that Iruedo, who voluntarily confessed to the crime, met his victim between July and December 2017, via a date site, match.com.

The suspect, while parading as a lady, procured British passport using the name 'Tracy Anderson' with which he used to defraud the victim.

He was arrested in Abuja, during an attempt to make withdrawal in a bank.

On arrest, items recovered from him include: several scam letters, 3 flash drives, 1 iphone and a laptop computer.

The suspect will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/2970-efcc-arrests-man-for-30-000-love-scam>

23 JAN 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Varsity Student for Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Ibadan zonal office has arrested a suspected internet scammer, Ilesanmi Babatunde Yemi, 31, a final year Accounting student of Ekiti State University for alleged internet fraud.

Babatunde, who poses on the internet as an American Army Officer by the name 'Dennis Martinez' allegedly serving in Libya engages in internet love and romance scams.

He engages unsuspecting ladies on the internet in a dating and romance scam through which he fleeces them of their money.

Last of his victims were the duo of Sandra Simundza and Lily F, both in Australia, from whom he claimed to have obtained about \$500 (five hundred US dollars) in tranches.

Babatunde, according to series of intelligence gathered by the Commission, allegedly lives ostentatious life without a definite job. He confessed to have been engaged actively in internet romance scam in the last four years from which he sustained his flamboyant lifestyle and bought himself a 2005 Lexus car with registration number Lagos MUS 404 DX.

Being a part-time student, he also confessed to have spent most of his time on the dating sites, particularly tinder and okcupid from which he meets his victims.

Items recovered from him include one laptop Apple macbook Pro; three ATM cards; one iphone 6 x plus; one Nokia phone and one international passport. Several love scam mails were also found and downloaded from his laptops.

The suspect will be arraigned in court soon.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as along as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/2963-efcc-arrests-varsity-student-for-internet-fraud>

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