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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**

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20 DEC 2021

## **Shun Cybercrime, EFCC Tells Youths**

The acting Zonal Commander of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Command, Mrs. Nkechi Rita Ude has called on Nigerian youths to shun cybercrime and other forms of criminality. Mrs. Ude made this call on Saturday while speaking on the topic "Cybercrime, Pathway to Destruction" at the Light of Divine Seed Ministries Inc, Benin City.

The acting Commander who was represented by the Head of Public Affairs, Williams Oseghale said cybercrime and other computer related fraud was not a sustainable way of life, adding that the Commission will continue to arrest and prosecute those involved. He said the Benin Command of the Commission has recorded over one hundred convictions and secured forfeiture of properties including cars and houses worth millions of naira. "If you are arrested, you will be prosecuted and convicted. You will be made to forfeit whatever is linked to you as proceeds of crime. If you are convicted, it debars you from securing employment with government ministries, departments and agencies. It will also stop you from contesting for election. So the consequences are grave".

She commended the church for organizing the programme to sensitize

the youths.

The convener of the programme, Esosa Osaide said the essence of the programme was to bring to the fore the consequences of engaging in cybercrime because of the high number of youth involvement. "People see the glory, the cars and houses and think it is a good thing but we know that cybercrime is evil. And today we have heard and learnt about how destructive it is," he said.

The press release contains photos:

[shun-cybercrime-efcc-tells-youths](#)

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13 DEC 2021

## **Court Jails Fake Oil Magnate 175years for Duping American \$629,287**

Justice A. T. Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has convicted and sentenced a fake oil magnate, Dr. Vincent Ayigor to a total number of one hundred and seventy five ( 175) years imprisonment, for duping an American, Joseph Crews, a sum of \$ 629, 287 (Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Seven US Dollars only), in a crude oil supply scam.

He was jailed on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Ayigor was arraigned, alongside his company, Vanyigor Concepts Limited, before Justice M. A. Liman of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt by the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on December 7, 2016 on 25-count charges bordering on conspiracy, uttering, forging and obtaining money by false pretences.

One of the counts reads: "That you Dr. Vincent Anyigor, Vanyigor Concepts Limited and others at large on or about the 15th day of October, 2010 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud obtained a sum of Two Hundred and Forty Three Thousand United States of America Dollars (\$243,000.00 USD) only from one Joseph I. Crews, an American citizen and his company Aumenta Holdings Inc DBA AHI Commercial Finding Group, as part payment of the cost price for the logistics to supply them Six (6) million barrels of Bonny Light Crude Oil, which you claimed to have the capability to deliver to them, which pretext you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 1(1)(b) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act".

He pleaded "not guilty" to all the 25-count charges brought against him by the EFCC, leading a full trial that lasted five years. EFCC's counsel, I. Agu called eight (8) witnesses in the course of the trial and tendered documents that eventually nailed the convict.

In his judgment, Justice Mohammed found Anyigor guilty of all the 25 charges, convicted and sentenced him to seven (7) years imprisonment on each of the counts, totaling one hundred and seventy five years (175) which are to run concurrently from the date of arrest.

in addition, the court ordered the convict and his company to pay the sum of \$629,267.00 as restitution to the victim, Joseph Crews and Aumenta Holdings Inc of the United States of America (USA). He also ordered that Vanyigor Concepts Limited be wound up.

Anyigor commenced his journey to the Correctional Center when Joseph. I. Crews, an American, petitioned the EFCC, that the convict collected the sum of \$629,287.00 from him for the supply of six million barrels of Bonny Light Crude Oil, without delivering the product or returning his money to him.

Investigations by the EFCC showed that Anyigor is a leader of syndicate scamming foreigners by parading itself as an international operator in the oil and gas sector. He was plying his fraudulent trade by forging documents and transacting businesses bearing the name of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[court-jails-fake-oil-magnate-175years-for-duping-american-629-287](#)  
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10 DEC 2021

### **Alleged N88.1m Internet Fraud: How Incriminating Evidence on Phones Exposed Suspect -Witness**

A witness of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC has told Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Lagos State High Court, sitting in Ikeja how forensic analysis of the phones of one Amusa Abiodun Azeez standing trial for an alleged N88.1million fraud, revealed that he was into internet fraud.

Amusa is facing four counts bordering on possession of fraudulent documents and retention of proceeds of criminal conduct to the tune of N88,187,773.64 (Eighty-eight Million One Hundred and Eighty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three Naira Sixty-four Kobo).

Count one reads: "Amusa Azeez Abiodun between the 24th of October, 2020 to 20th day of August, 2021 in Lagos within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court retained the control of the sum of N88,187,773.64 in your First Bank account which you knew to be proceeds of various internet and cybercrime."

He pleaded "not guilty" to the charges when he was arraigned on November 1, 2021.

The witness, an operative with the Cyber-Crime (CC) Section of the Lagos Command of the EFCC, Woji Abdulhameed, said credible intelligence led to the investigation and arrest of the defendant.

Led in evidence by prosecuting counsel, S.O. Daji, the witness testifying as the first prosecution witness, on December 9, 2021, told the Court that upon his arrest and detention at the EFCC facility, he was asked to unlock his phones, but he declined, "yet suspicious notifications kept popping up on his phone".

Woji said, "The defendant refused to unlock his phones, and said that he was once arrested before by the EFCC and convicted for a love scam fraud and by virtue of his experience, he will not grant us access to his phones."

Woji added that, upon his insistence not to unlock the phones, the investigating team wrote to the Commission's Forensic Department.

"They carried out a forensic analysis and extracted the contents of the phones - a gold iPhone 12 Pro Max, a gold iPhone 7 and a red TECNO Camon 8," he said.

According to him, the forensic analysis revealed incriminating materials on his phones.

He said, "From the forensic analysis, it was uncovered that he created an email account jwallac154@yahoo.com which was linked to his mobile number 09064668567.

"The same phone number was used by the defendant to create the email address with the name John Wallace claiming to be a citizen of the United States of America and an army serving on a peace-keeping mission in Afghanistan.

"The defendant also used this same email address to open a Facebook account with the name Dustin Mason using same to chat with two white ladies, while using a white man's picture for his profile.

"While chatting with one of them he told the lady how powerful he is in bed, and also sent her nude pictures of a white man which he claimed to be his own.

"The defendant also used same email address to apply for the United States of America COVID-19 Benefit Fund and the US government replied him that they are in receipt of his application and that he will be kept abreast of when to access his benefit."

Woji, thereafter, identified the request letter the CC Section sent to the Commission's Forensic Department and the formal report of the forensic analysis received.

They were tendered in evidence by the prosecution, and with no objections from the defence team led by O. Ajanaku, the Court admitted them in evidence as Exhibit A and A1.

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Further analysis of the forensic report, the witness, said, revealed that the defendant used VPN to change the location of his number at different times to Turkey, the United States and Nigeria.

Woji told the Court that the website, [www.abongo.com](http://www.abongo.com) was used to analyse the various IP addresses used by the defendant to commit the alleged offences.

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They were admitted in evidence by the Court as Exhibit D and D1. The prosecution also tendered in evidence the defendant's statement made to investigators, which was admitted in evidence as Exhibit E.

According to Woju, findings from investigation revealed that: "The defendant is into internet fraud - love scam; his application for the United States of America COVID-19 benefit fund showed that the defendant claimed to be a citizen of the United States and applied for the entitlement exclusively meant for US citizens, when he is actually not; he also claimed to be an American army when he is not and also claimed to be in possession of gold vase which he claimed is worth \$15.7m which he actually does not have in his possession."

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## **EFCC Arrests 22 Suspected Internet Fraudsters Asaba**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested twenty- two (22)

suspected internet fraudsters in an early morning sting operation in the Asaba, Delta State.

The suspects are: Saviour Francis; Samuel Okonkwo; Justice Onokeya; Christian Addeh; Collins Addeh; Ifeanyichukwu Ramsey; Kingsley Ikechukwu Nnubia; Great Unuafe Ogaga; Chibuike Chukwuka, Dominic Chukwuka and Precious Omvngor.

Othere are: Oreva Ferife; Stephen Kwushue; Emmanuel Daniel; Paul Ugwu; Ochuko Zion; Shedrack Godshelp; Barnabas Ossai; Ekwere Joseph Onyeka; Andrew Ochei, Kelechi Uwaegbu and Ifeanyi Afoma.

They were arrested at different locations in the Asaba metropolis based on verified intelligence on their suspicious internet-related criminal activities.

Items recovered from them are: 16 vehicles comprising eight Sports Utility Vehicles, SUV and eight cars of different brands; 48 phones of different brands; 9 laptops; 4 International passports, 4 Drivers Licences, 1 printer, 4 Wrist watches; 2 Automated Teller Machine cards, 4 tokens and 1 Point of Sales( POS) machine.

The suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-22-suspected-internet-fraudsters-asaba](#)

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9 DEC 2021

### **POS Operator, Onyeonu, Varsity Student Jailed for Identity Theft, Cyber Fraud in Ilorin**

Justice Mohammed Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin on Thursday, December 9, 2021 sentenced two suspected internet fraudsters found guilty of offences bordering on cyber fraud contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (ii) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2) (b) (iv) of the same Act.

The two convicts: Onyeonu Chukwumeka David and Anthony Anyadiora Obumneme were prosecuted on separate one count charge each by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The Ilorin-based Imo-born Onyeonu was a POS operator, who specialized in identity theft of unsuspecting victims to perpetrate fraud through the internet. In his case, Anthony was one of the 30 'Yahoo Boys' arrested on September 19, 2021 by operatives of the EFCC during a sting operation on selected hostels at Kwara State University, KWASU, Malet.

Upon arraignment today, the two defendants pleaded guilty to their respective charge.

Following their guilty plea, Sesan Ola and Rashidat Alao, who prosecuted for the Commission against Onyeonu and Anthony drew the attention of the Court to the plea bargain agreement entered by the defendants with the Commission. They urged the Court to consider the extra-judicial statements of the defendants and exhibits tendered as well as the provisions of the law to convict the defendants.

Justice Sani in his judgment said the Court had carefully considered the plea of the defendants, their statements and plea bargain agreements. He

held that the defendants were guilty of their respective charge.

The judge sentenced Anthony to one year imprisonment with N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine. The Court also ordered that the convict forfeit the sum of \$150 (One Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) and iPhone 11 to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Sani sentenced Onyeonu to six months imprisonment with N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine. According to the judge, the convict would forfeit the sum of \$300 (Three Hundred USD), which he benefited from the criminal activity and iPhone 12 Pro used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of each 419er:

[pos-operator-onyeanu-varsity-student-jailed-for-identity-theft-cyber-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

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8 DEC 2021

### **Court Adjourns Fred Ajudua's Alleged \$8.4m Fraud Trial Till Feb.15**

Justice Josephine Oyefeso of the State High Court sitting in Ajah, Lagos has adjourned till February 15, 2022 further hearing in the trial of Fred Ajudua for an alleged \$8.4million fraud.

The adjournment followed a claim by the defence that Ajudua had tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19 on December 3, 2021.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, is prosecuting Ajudua for allegedly defrauding a former Chief of Army Staff, Ishaya Bamaïyi, of \$8.4million, while they were both in Kirikiri Prison, Lagos in 2004 for different offences.

Ajudua, alongside his accomplices, had allegedly approached Bamaïyi and convinced him that he could hire the legal services of Chief Afe Babalola, SAN, at the cost of \$8.4m to help secure his release.

At the sitting on Monday, December 6, a counsel from the Chambers of Olalekan Ojo, SAN, who appeared for the defendant, claimed that Ajudua had contracted COVID-19.

He added that Ajudua had undergone several tests since January, the latest being the one done on December 3, 2021, which turned out to be positive.

Consequently, the prosecution counsel, S.K. Atteh applied to the Court that the documents, which the counsel claimed were the results of the COVID tests, be filed in the Court and served on the prosecution.

"The prosecution will subsequently apply under Section 235 (4) of the Lagos State Administration of Criminal Justice (Amendment) Law 2021 for the defendant to be tried in absentia, if he still fails to appear in Court," Atteh added.

Justice Oyefeso, thereafter, ordered the defendant to file an affidavit in Court attaching the said documents, which he claimed were the results of the said COVID tests, and also serve them on the prosecution.

The Court also ordered that the defendant should undergo another test at the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control, NCDC, Yaba on December 6, 2021 and file the result in Court within 48 hours.

The case was adjourned till February 15, 2022 for continuation of trial.

[court-adjourns-fred-ajudua-s-alleged-8-4m-fraud-trial-till-feb-15](#)

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7 DEC 2021

### **Court Jails Two for Personation, Identity Theft in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters for offences bordering on personation and identity theft, contrary to and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (i) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015.

The Convicts: Fuad Abidemi Olowo and Adepoju Pelumi Emmanuel were prosecuted on separate charges before Justice Mohammed Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin.

Fuad, 21, from Abayawo, Ilorin West Local Government Area of Kwara State was one of the 30 suspected internet fraudsters arrested on May 4, 2021 at the Unigate Hostel, Tanke Area, Ilorin during a sting operation by operatives of the Ilorin Zonal Command of the EFCC.

Investigation revealed that the 400Level Plant Biology student of University of Ilorin presented himself as an American Musician, Rick Ross, to deceive unsuspecting victims.

On the other hand, Adepoju from Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, was accused of using the identity of one Kelvin Montalvo, while presenting himself as a military and gym instructor living in California, United States to deceive his victims.

Upon arraignment, Fuad and Adepoju pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following the plea of guilty entered by the defendants, prosecuting counsel, Andrew Akoja, urged the Court to consider the extra-judicial statements of the defendants, the guilty plea and exhibits tendered through the investigating officer as well as the provisions of the law to convict the defendants.

Justice Sani, after evaluating the facts and the evidence placed before the court, pronounced them guilty.

The judge sentenced Fuad to six months imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently with N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) option of fine on each of the two counts. The court also ordered the forfeiture of iPhone XR used as instrument of crime, to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, Justice Sani sentenced Adepoju to one year imprisonment with N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira Only) option of fine. According to the judge, the convict would forfeit the HP Laptop and Tecno Spark 4 phone that were used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

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7 DEC 2021

### **Five Yahoo Boys Convicted for Cyber Fraud in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, December 6, 2021 secured the conviction of five internet fraudsters also known as Yahoo Boys for offences bordering on cyber fraud before two justices of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

The convicts: Adeniyi Samson, Ezekuse kingsley Somtochukwu, Nwadei Oluwapelumi, Ibrahim Ibrahim Mobolaji and Akinola Habideen Kasumu were prosecuted on separate two count charges each except Kasumu that was tried on one count.

The defendants, upon arraignment pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them.

While Samson, Somtochukwu and Oluwapelumi were prosecuted before Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar, Mobolaji and Kasumu were tried before Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the State High Court, Ilorin.

Rashidat Alao and Aliyu Adebayo who prosecuted for the Commission before Justice Abdulgafar and Justice Akinpelu, respectively called witnesses through whom they tendered several fraudulent documents to establish the culpability of the defendants.

The counsel urged the court to consider the admittance of guilt by the defendants, the uncontroverted evidence of the prosecution and the plea bargain agreement entered by the defendants with the Commission as well as the provisions of the law to convict them as charged.

Delivering judgment, Justice Abdulgafar found the trio of Samson, Somtochukwu and Oluwapelumi guilty on each of the two counts against them. The judge thereafter sentenced them to six months imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently.

However, Samson, a 300 Level varsity student, would have his sentence suspended. Nonetheless, he would forfeit \$300 (Three Hundred Dollars) found to be proceed of the crime to the Federal Government. On the other hand, the judge ordered the forfeiture of Somtochukwu's iPhone 11 which was used to perpetrate the crime and a manager's cheque of N261,00 (Two Hundred and Sixty-One Naira Only) raised as restitution to the victim with the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred USD), which he benefited from the crime to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, the judge ordered the forfeiture of Oluwapelumi's iPhone 11, Dell Laptop that was used to perpetrate the crime and the sum of \$170 (One Hundred Seventy USD) which he benefited from the crime to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Akinpelu imposed a prison term of six months on Mobolaji on each of the two counts with option of fine of N100,000 on each count. According to the judge, the convict would forfeit iPhone 12 pro max, which he used as instrument to perpetrate the crime and the sum of \$2000 (Two Thousand Dollars) which he benefitted from the crime as well as the draft of N200,000 raised as restitution to the victim.

Furthermore, Justice Akinpelu found Kasumu guilty of the lone count against him and sentenced him to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N100,000 (Hundred Thousand Naira Only). The judge also ordered the forfeiture of iPhone 5 used as instrument of crime by the convict.

[five-yahoo-boys-convicted-for-cyber-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

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6 DEC 2021

**fraudster-bags-one-year-for-n6m-fraud-in-kano**

The Kano Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission today, December 6, 2021 secured the conviction of one Daniel Uche Orji before Justice A.M Liman of the Federal High Court sitting in Kano on one count amended charge of retention of proceeds of crime.

Daniel's journey to prison started following intelligence on his alleged internet-related fraud activities, including recruiting young men into cybercrime.

Upon receipt of the Intelligence, the convict was arrested at his residence. A Mercedes Benz GLK, two laptops, a printer and an iPhone 12 were recovered from him during the arrest.

The convict pleaded guilty to the one count charge when it was read to him. In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel asked the court to convict him accordingly.

Consequently, Justice Liman convicted the defendant and sentenced him one year imprisonment with option of N1, 000,000 (One Million Naira) fine.

The court ordered the forfeiture of item recovered from him to the Federal Government.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[fraudster-bags-one-year-for-n6m-fraud-in-kano](#)

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2 DEC 2021

### **Two Internet Fraudsters Jailed In Ibadan**

A Federal High Court in Ibadan, Oyo State, presided over by Justice Uche Agomoh on Thursday December 2, 2021 convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters, Ogunrinde Olugbenga Akanbi and Olusegun Akinwunmi Eyinade to ten months and three months in prison respectively, on separate charges bordering on fraudulent impersonation.

The charge against Ogunrinde reads: "That you, Ogunrinde Olugbenga Akanbi "M" on or about the 11th day of February, 2021 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one Iga Swiatek, a female Tennis player from Warsaw, Poland via your Facebook account with Gmail address swiatekiga105@gmail.com, with intent to gain monetary advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(i) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b) of the same Act."

The charge against Eyinade reads, "That you, Oluwasegun Akinwunmi Eyinade 'm' sometime in 2020 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud aided and abetted one Ajiboye Adebayo who fraudulently impersonated one Linda Robert with intent to gained advantage for himself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 27(1)(b) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act".

Justice Agomo convicted and sentenced Ogunrinde to ten months imprisonment, while Eyinade bagged three months.

Ogunrinde who has already refunded the sum of \$300 USD (Three Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim through the Federal government

of Nigeria, also forfeits one Techno Spark 4 mobile phone and a small itel phone to the federal government of Nigeria.

Eyinade was ordered to restitute the sum of N171, 056 (One Hundred and Seventy One Thousand, Fifty Six Naira) and forfeits an iPhone 7 mobile phone to the Federal Government.

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2 DEC 2021

### **Court Jails 7 for Cybercrime in Enugu**

The Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 secured the conviction of three students: Nonso Adudu, Anichebe Christopher and Onyedika Austin Leonard, before Justice I.M. Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu on charges bordering on forgery, impersonation and obtaining money from unsuspecting foreign nationals under false pretences.

They were prosecuted one separate one count charge.

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges when they were read to them.

Justice Buba convicted and sentenced them to two (2) years imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine each. They are also to forfeit their mobile phones to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, Justice Buba had on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 convicted and sentenced four internet fraudsters to 2 years imprisonment with an option of One million Naira fine.

The convicts are Abraham Odinaka Afam, Nwobodo Anthony, Samson Ugwuoke and Enoch Ebuka Ezra. They were convicted having pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them by the EFCC.

The Court also ordered the forfeiture of their mobile phones to the Federal Government.

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2 DEC 2021

### **'Offa Boy', Arowosegbe Jailed 12months for Impersonating German National**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday, December 2, 2021 secured the conviction of one Arowosegbe Feranmi, who claimed to be a native of Offa in Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State for posing as a citizen of Germany to defraud unsuspecting victims.

Arowosegbe was prosecuted on two counts before Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court in Ilorin.

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him.

One of the charges reads:

"That you AROBOSEGBE FERANMI (ALIAS BETTY JOE) sometime in August 2021, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did cheat by personation, when you pretended to be Betty Joe, a white female, resident in United States of America, with Gmail Account bettyjoe338@gmail.com and induced one Joluko, a German Citizen, to send €370 (Three Hundred Euros) to you Via Gift Card and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code."

Following his plea, the prosecuting counsel, Rashidat Alao, urged the court to consider the plea of guilt entered by the defendant, his extra-judicial statements and the uncontroverted testimonies of the sole prosecution witness to convict him in line with the plea bargain agreements and the provisions of the law.

Justice Abdulgafar in his judgment said that, "the court has found merit in the case brought by the prosecution". The judge convicted and sentenced Arowosegbe to six months imprisonment on each of the two counts to run concurrently at Mandala Correctional Centre, which should be suspended.

According to the judge, "the convict is to forfeit the iPhone 11 used to perpetrate the crime and the sum of N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira), which he benefited from the crime to the Federal Government.

[offa-boy-arowosegbe-jailed-12months-for-impersonating-german-national](#)

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2 DEC 2021

### **EFCC Charges DNFIs on Anti-money Laundering, Terrorism Financing**

The Special Control Unit Against Money Laundering, SCUML, of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has charged Designated Non-Financial Institutions, DNFIs, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the anti-money laundering laws and regulations in combating money laundering and terrorism financing in Nigeria.

Speaking during a sensitization programme organised for accredited DNFIs on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the Lagos Zonal Office of the EFCC, Pascal Samu, Lagos Coordinator, SCUML, said the purpose of the sensitization was to educate the DNFIs on their obligations under the Money Laundering Prohibition Act.

"This programme is essential in creating awareness and seeking the cooperation of Designated Non-Financial Institutions in the fight against money laundering in Nigeria," he said.

Samu, who stated that terrorist financing was pillared upon money laundering, added that the cooperation of DNFIs would combat the scourge of terrorism in Nigeria.

According to him, "The Executive Chairman of the EFCC, Abdulasheed Bawa, has warned all members to observe due diligence in their businesses to avoid sanctions in line with the Money Laundering Act."

In attendance were automobile dealers, consulting firms, real estate agents, hoteliers, supermarket owners and travel agents.

[efcc-charges-dnfis-on-anti-money-laundering-terrorism-financing](#)

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2 DEC 2021

### **Fifteen Internet Fraudsters Convicted in Ibadan**

The Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, secured fifteen convictions before different Justices of the Federal and State High Courts in Ibadan, Oyo state.

The convicts are Faruq kayode Jimoh olowogaba, Bashiru Farouq Olamide, Ajileye Francis Mayowa, Ogundayo Saheed Dayo, Ayodeji Tosin Dada, Wasiu Sodiq Anuoluwapo, Sodiq Adeniyi Idris, Ogoluwa Ayomide Olasupo, Adeyemi Yusuf Ekundayo, Odeku Titobioluwa, Oyebisi Damilola Olalekan, Boluwatife Ayobami Akinniyi, Samson Ojo, Adegbemi Segun Akanfe and Habeeb Ajani Abdullahi.

They were prosecuted before Justice Uche Agomoh of Federal High Court and Justices Ladiran Akintola and Sherifat Adeyemi of the Oyo State High Court on separate one count charge bordering on impersonation

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them. Justice Agomoh sentenced Ogundayo to nine months jail term, Dada, Anuoluwapo and Akinniyi, eight months imprisonment each while Olalekan and Ojo were sentenced to seven and three months respectively.

Justice Akintola sentenced Abdullahi to twenty four months imprisonment, Ogoluwa and Ekundayo, ten months each while Ajileye was jailed six months.

Justice Adeyemi sentenced Idris and Akanfe to six months community service, while Odeku was sentenced to five months community service. Jimoh and Bashiru were sentenced to three months community service.

The convicts are to reconstitute their various victims and forfeit the items recovered from them to the Federal Government.

[fifteen-internet-fraudsters-convicted-in-ibadan](#)

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30 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts 8 Fraudsters in Benin**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, November 29, 2021 secured the conviction of eight (8) internet fraudsters before Justice F.A Olubanjo of the Federal High Court sitting in Asaba, Delta State for offences bordering on impersonation with intent to defraud.

The convicts are: Eleadi Godspower, Okoh Paul, Okoro Marvelous Atiti, Osaro Osasere, Osamwonyi Precious Etinosa, Godstime Imariebe, Ohumumwen Osaaremen and Christopher Momudu.

Paul, Atiti, Osasere, Etinosa, Imariebe, Mamudu and Osaaremen were prosecuted on a one count charge of intent to defraud while Eleadi Godspower and his company, Eleadi and Sons Energy Ltd were arraigned for fraudulent impersonation.

The charge against Eleadi Godspower reads: "That you Eleadi Godspower and Eleadi and Sons Ltd, sometimes between February 2018 and October 2019 at Sapele, Delta State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable

Court, did aid one Ahmef Ohwerhi (now at large) to fraudulently impersonate other persons abroad with intent to obtain the sum of \$ 1,463,570 and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 27(1)(b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(1) (b) (iv) of the same Act".

The charge against Etinosa reads: "That you, Osamwonyi Precious Etinosa, sometimes between year 2019 and 12th September, 2021, at Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, sent electronic message which materially misrepresented your identity to Yvonne Elsey, an American upon which she relied and suffered financial lost in the sum of N 32, 431.814 and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 14 (2) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015".

The defendants pleaded "guilty" to the charge preferred against them by the EFCC, prompting the prosecution counsel, Francis Jirbo, to ask the court to convict and sentence the defendants in line with their guilty plea.

Justice Olubanjo, convicted and sentenced Paul, Marvelous, Osariemen, Momudu, Etinosa and Imariebe to five years imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine each.

Eleadi Godspower and his company, Eleadi and Sons Energy Ltd were sentenced to five years imprisonment with an option of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N1,500,000) as fine.

Osasere, however, bagged five years imprisonment with an option of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500, 000) as fine.

The Judge also ordered that an uncompleted storey building / land within Ugbeyiyi village, Sapele, Delta State; Commercial Hotel at Igbeku / Adjekimoni Road, Igbeku, Amukpe, Sapele, Delta State; two lexus RX 350; Mercedes Benz ML 350; Two Lexus ES 350, 2014 model; a Range Rover Evoque; a red GL Mercedes Benz; iPhone 11 pro max; four iPhone 12 pro max; iPhone 6 plus; one Techno spark 5 pro; one Apple Wrist Watch; and a cash sum of N23,182,212.97 being proceeds of crime recovered from the convicts be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of all eight 419ers:

[court-convicts-8-fraudsters-in-benin](#)

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30 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Secures Seven Convictions in Ibadan, Oshogbo**

The Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, November 29, 2021 secured seven convictions before different Justices of the Federal and State High Courts in Ibadan, Oyo State and Osogbo, Osun State.

The convicts are Akanji Musa Olawale (a.k.a Casey Harris), Oyetunji Habeeb Opeyemi (a.k.a Lucy Stewart), Adeboye Abdulazeez Ayodeji, (a.k.a Thomas Ruchie) Agbedi Shola Peter (a.k.a Matthew Duke), Shonubi Oluwafemi Samson (a.k.a Benitadykes), Akinboade Fatai Abiodun and Sodiq Olelekan Saliman.

The convicts were prosecuted on separate charges.

Justice Uche Agomoh of Federal High Court , Ibadan, found Akanji and Oyetunji guilty of offence of impersonation contrary to Section

22 (2)(b)(1) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2)(b) of the same Act.

They were sentenced to five months and six months jailed terms respectively.

Similarly, Justice Bayo Taiwo of the Oyo State High Court, Ibadan, convicted Akinboade on one count charge of obtaining money by false pretence contrary to Section 419 of the Criminal Code Cap 38 Laws of Oyo State, 2000; while Sodiq was convicted for impersonation contrary to Section 484 of the Criminal Code Cap 38 Laws of Oyo State, 2000.

Justice Taiwo thereafter sentenced the two defendants to six months community service each.

In the same vein, Justice Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of the Federal High Court, Oshogbo found Adeboye, Agbedi and Shonubi guilty of fraudulent impersonation, an offence which contravenes Section 22 (2) (b) (1) Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) of the same Act.

Justice Ayo-Emmanuel convicted the trio and sentenced them to two months imprisonment each.

The convicts are to reconstitute their various victims and forfeit the items recovered from them to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of five of the seven 419ers:

[efcc-secures-seven-convictions-in-ibadan-oshogbo](#)

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29 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 60 at Yahoo Boys' Awards Night**

Operatives of the Lagos Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 60 suspected internet fraudsters during an awards ceremony at the Conference Hotel in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The event tagged "Peer Youths Awards", investigation revealed, was organized to reward high-level internet fraudsters.

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest include exotic cars, electronic devices, laptop computers and mobile phones.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-60-at-yahoo-boys-awards-night](#)

419 Coalition comment: Oh Lordy, Lordy, now we've heard Everything.. The 419ers have their own Awards ceremonies? Maybe they should televise these to let Everyone know how wonderful they think they are :) \*\*\*\*\*

26 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts Three Brothers for Internet Fraud ... to Forfeit SUV Car, N3.5 million to FG**

Three siblings, Emmanuel Udofa, ThankGod Udofa and Jonathan Udofa

were on Thursday, November 25, 2021 convicted and sentenced to prison by Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The trio were arraigned by the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on one count charge of false representation.

The Udofas had sometime in January, 2021 with intent to defraud falsely represented one James Changhan, a Chinese contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria ( as applicable in Edo State ) 1976.

The charge against Emmanuel reads: "Emmanuel Udofa (Alias James Changhan.) sometime in January, 2019 at Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did falsely represented yourself to be James Changhan (a Chinese man) and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976."

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Ibrahim Mohammed, who stood in for Francis Jirbo and I K Agwai, urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced Emmanuel and Thank God to three years imprisonment with an option of Two Hundred Thousand Naira fine, while Jonathan bagged three years imprisonment with option of One Hundred Thousand Naira fine.

The Judge also ruled that a Lexus ES330 2004 car, the sum of N3, 545,704.24 (Three Million, Five Hundred and Forty five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Four Naira, Twenty four Kobo), iPhone 12 Pro max; iPhone X Pro max; iPhone 11 and one Samsung galaxy, being proceeds of crime recovered from the defendants be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

[court-convicts-three-brothers-for-internet-fraud-to-forfeit-suv-car-n3-5-million-to-fg](#)

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26 NOV 2021

### **Two Internet Fraudsters Bag Jail Terms in Lagos**

The Lagos Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday, November 26, 2021, secured the conviction and sentencing of the duo of Folarin Oyindamola and Chidera David for internet fraud before Justice O. A. Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convicts, who were among the suspected internet fraudsters arrested by the Commission between March and April this year, were arraigned separately on one count each bordering on possession of documents containing false pretence.

The count against Oyindamola reads: 'Folarin John Oyindamola, sometime in 2021 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent documents, wherein you falsely represented yourself as William Soderquist to unsuspecting members of the public, which representation was printed from your email accounts ashelyagelina1999@gmail.com, julietanderson302@gmail.com and tedmara949@gmail.com, representation you knew or ought to have known to be fraudulent.'

However, the count against Chidera reads: "Chidera David, on or about the 19th day of March 2021, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, knowingly took in your possession a document containing false pretence in your Gmail Account, wherein you held yourself out as one 'Leonard' with email address captaincold6091@gmail.com which representation you knew to be false."

The defendants separately pleaded "guilty" to the charge filed against them.

Following their pleas, the prosecution, led by Franklin Ofoma, reviewed the facts of the case and tendered relevant documents to prove the case against them.

Justice Taiwo sentenced Oyindamola to six months in prison with an option of N200,000 fine, and jailed David nine months, with an option of N250,000 fine.

The press release contains a photo of one of the 419ers:

[two-internet-fraudsters-bag-jail-terms-in-lagos](#)

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25 NOV 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Bags Two Years Jail Term in Warri ... Court Convicts Another in Benin**

Justice Okon Abang of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State, on Tuesday November 23, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Efosa Desmond to two years imprisonment for fraudulent impersonation.

Desmond was arraigned on one count charge by the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

The defendant had sometime in February, 2021 impersonated the identities of James Riches and Jeffery Owen with the intent to defraud one Susan Roggenbuck in contravention of Section 22(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Cybercrimes ( Prohibition Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under same Act.

The charge against Desmond reads: "that you, Efosa Desmond ( a.k.a James Riches, and Jeffery Owen ) on or about the 4th day of February, 2021 at Abuja Quarter, Benin City, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one James Riches and Jeffery Owen ( both white men) by using Email address Jefferyowen554@gmail.com with intent to obtain money from one Susan Roggenbuck, the pretense you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(2)(b)(i)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, A.A. Ozigbo, urged the court to convict and sentence the defendant accordingly. However, counsel to the defendant, M.E. Okon-ime pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

Justice Abang convicted and sentenced Desmond to two years imprisonment without an option of fine .

The Judge also ruled that items recovered from him during investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

On Wednesday, November 24, 2021, the Benin Command secured the conviction of one Marvis Ewemade Etinosa on a count charge of fraudulent impersonation before Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The Etinosa had sometime in February, 2021 impersonated one Williams, a Chinese medical doctor with the intent to defraud, contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48, Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under the same Law.

The charge reads: "that you, Malvis Ewemade Etinosa (M) sometime in February, 2021 at Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did with intent to defraud represent yourself to be one Williams, a Chinese medical doctor and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 484 of the Criminal Code, Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State) 1976"

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him. prompting the prosecution counsel, Onyeka Ekweozor, to pray for the court to convict and sentence him.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced Etonosa to three years imprisonment with an option of three hundred thousand naira fine.

The Judge also ruled that items recovered from him during the investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[internet-fraudster-bags-two-years-jail-term-in-warri-court-convicts-another-in-benin](#)

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25 NOV 2021

### **Ekiti State Water Corporation Staff, Four Others Jailed for Cyber Fraud in Ilorin**

Justice Muhammed Sani of the Federal High Court in Ilorin on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 convicted a 25-year-old staff of the Ekiti State Water Corporation, Opeyemi Akinluyi, for offences bordering on cyber fraud.

Akinluyi, a native of Ijan-Ekiti in Ekiti State was convicted alongside Ajibade Timileyin Emmanuel and Ezekiel Oluwaseun Temitope from Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. Also convicted were Abbas Olatayo Ojo from Igbeti, Oyo State and one Kareem Quadri.

The convicts were prosecuted on separate charges by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC before different Justices of both the Federal High Court and Kwara State High Court in Ilorin.

Upon arraignment, the defendants pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against each of them.

In his judgment, Justice Sani sentenced the trio of Akinluyi, Emmanuel and Oluwaseun to six months imprisonment each with option of fine of N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) each. The judge also ordered the forfeiture of the convicts' phones and laptop, which were used to perpetrate the crime and the restitution of their various victims.

Justice Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin while deciding the case of Olatayo and Quadri, sentenced each of the defendants to six months imprisonments. While Olatayo was given an option of fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only) on the lone count against him, N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only) was given as option

of fine on each of the two counts against Quadri.

Justice Akinpelu also ordered the forfeiture of the convicts' phones, which were used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government as well as the restitution of their various victims.

[ekiti-state-water-corporation-staff-four-others-jailed-for-cyber-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

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24 NOV 2021

### **Serial Fraudster Bags Six Months Jail Term for Contract Scam in Borno**

The Maiduguri Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, secured the conviction and sentencing of one David Osigbe Irumekhei to six months imprisonment before Justice Aisha Kumaliya of the Borno State High Court, Maiduguri for his involvement in a contract scam.

The convict was arraigned on separate amended one count charges, bordering on cheating to the tune of N22.9million (Twenty Two Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Naira) and N5million (Five Million Naira) respectively.

David's journey to prison began when the Commission received petitions from two complainants: Annur Adam and Mohammed Kolare, accusing him of obtaining the above sums from them under the pretext of executing contracts purportedly awarded to him by a Non- Governmental Organization called Terre Des Hommes.

The first amended charge reads: "That you, David Osigbe Irumekhei, sometime between October and December, 2020 at Maiduguri, Borno State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently induced Annur Adam by deceiving him to deliver the total sum of Twenty Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (N22,900,000.00), being money allegedly to finance a contract with Terres Des Hummes Medicin Du Monde and Danish Refugee Council, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of Penal Law Cap 102 Laws of Borno State 1994 and punishable under Section 322 of the same Law."

The other charge reads: "That you, David Osigbe Irumekhei, sometime between October and December, 2020 at Maiduguri, Borno State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently induced Mohammed Kolare by deceiving him to deliver the total sum of Five Million (N5,000,000.00) being money allegedly to finance a contract with Terres Des Hummes Medicin Du Monde and Danish Refugee Council, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of Penal Law Cap 102 Laws of Borno State 1994 and punishable under Section 322 of the same Law."

The defendant pleaded "guilty" to each amended charge preferred against him.

Justice Kumaliya convicted and sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment on the amended charge of N5million with an option of N300, 000.00K (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) fine.

On the other charge involving N22.9million, the convict was sentenced to a fine of N200, 000.00K (Two Hundred Thousand Naira). The court further ordered that the convict pay the sum of N5, 400, 000.00K (Five Million, Four Hundred Thousand Naira) in restitution to the victim, Annur Adam, and "in default of payment the convict shall serve five years jail term."

The press release contains a photo of the convict:

[serial-fraudster-bags-six-months-jail-term-for-contract-scam-in-borno-2](#)

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24 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts 13 for Internet Fraud in Ibadan, Oshogbo**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command, on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 secured thirteen convictions before different Justices of the Federal High Courts in Ibadan, Oyo State and Osogbo, Osun State.

The convicts are Akintokun Olalekan (a.k.a Natalie Bryant), Sheriff Hadinan (Molly Jane), Ayojide Ayomide Ezekiel, Rokeeb Olanrewaju Bashir (Lucy Stewart), Olutekunbi Oluwatoyin Boluwatife, Adigun Martin Oladimeji, Abraham Pelumi Ariyo, Ajagbe Abdulbasit Temitope (a.k.a James Widner).

Others are Ojelere Stephen Oladimeji, Olaleye Farudeen Abiola, Durosaro Temitope Dickson, Olubanji Remilekun Damilare(a.k.a Beth Donald) and Shogamu Lukman Olatunbosun (a.k.a Mary and Larry Wineteer).

They were all convicted on separate one count charges of fraudulent representation contrary to Section 22 (2) and punishable under Section 22 (2)(b)(iv) of Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015.

The charge against one of the defendants reads, "that you, Akintokun Olalekan, sometime between the months of April, 2020 and March 2021 at Ibadan within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court did impersonate a female gender known as Natalie Bryant with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2) (b)(i) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(iv)of the same Act".

Justice Uche Agomoh of Federal High Court, Ibadan sentenced Adigun to ten months imprisonment; Akintokun, Rokeeb, Olaleye and Shogbamu to nine months jail term each while Hadinan bagged eight months jail term. Olubanji and Ajagbe were jailed seven months each; Ojelere, Olutekunbi and Ayojide bagged six months jail term each, while Abraham was sentenced to five months in prison.

Similarly, Justice Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of the Federal High Court sitting in Oshogbo convicted and sentenced Durosaro to one month imprisonment.

The convicts are to restitute their various victims and forfeits the items recovered from them to the Federal government of Nigeria.

The court further ordered that all the convicts are to undertake to be of good behaviour after serving their jail terms.

The press release contains a photo of one of the 419ers:

[court-convicts-13-for-internet-fraud-in-ibadan-oshogbo](#)

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23 NOV 2021

### **Four Cyber Criminals Jailed Six Months in Uyo.**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Uyo Zonal Command, on Monday, November 22, 2021, secured the conviction of four fraudsters before Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu of the Federal High Court, Calabar, Cross River State for cyber-fraud related offences.

The defendants: John Stephen Oluebube (a.k.a NG Okpara), Emmanuel Alabuikie Chiagozie (alias Diego Carlos), Chukwu Prince Ebuka (a.k.a Voilet Chukwu)

and Emmanuel Chibuike Ndu (alias Shikin Nuru), pleaded guilty to separate one count charge preferred against them by the Commission.

Justice Ojukwu convicted the defendants and sentenced them to six months imprisonment each with the option of various fines. The convicts are to retribute their victims and forfeit the instruments used in committing the crime to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Chibuike Ndu who was arrested on October 29, 2021 at World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia Abia state, criminally presented himself as Shinkin Nurul and defrauded his victim of the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty US Dollars (\$1750), using a fictitious Crypto Currency investment platform Treasure - Firm.com.

Chiagozie was ordered to retribute \$400 to his victim. He fraudulently presented himself as Diego Carlos an American on Instagram and defrauded a Taiwanese woman of the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400).

Oluebube defrauded a Thai woman, using an online google translator which he used to translate from Thai language to English with a fictitious name ( NG Okpara) was ordered to return N100, 000 to his victim.

The press release contains photos of all four 419ers:

[four-cyber-criminals-jailed-six-months-in-uyo](#)  
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23 NOV 2021

### **Court Sends Two Internet Fraudsters to Jail in Benin City**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday November 23, 2021 secured the conviction of Aguigwo Casmire Chikamso and Muhammad Ibrahim on one count charge of fraudulent impersonation before Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court, Benin City, Edo State.

The defendants had sometimes between January and April, 2021 impersonated the identities of foreign nationals with the intent to defraud unsuspecting ladies of their hard-earned money, contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48, Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under the same Law.

The charge against Chikamso reads: "that you Aguigwo Casmire Chikamso (m) alias Frank Woodgate, Thomas Richard, between January and April 2021 at Uroh, Off Sapele Road, Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently personate the identity of Frank Woodgate, an American, with intent to obtain money from American ladies and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 484 of the Criminal Code, Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976".

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Onyeka Eweozor and K.Y. Bello urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced Chikamso and Ibrahim to three years imprisonment with an option of two hundred thousand naira fine

The Judge also ruled that items recovered from them during investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[court-sends-two-internet-fraudsters-to-jail-in-benin-city](#)

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23 NOV 2021

## **EFCC Secures Thirteen Convictions in Ibadan, Oshogbo**

The Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, November 22, 2021 secured thirteen convictions before different Justices of the Federal and State High Courts in Ibadan and Osogbo, the capital city of Oyo and Osun State.

The convicts are Abiodun Babatunde Sowunmi, Adeyemi Babatunde Hamed, Abeeb Abiola Badmus, Adebayo Akorede Saheed, Ganiyu Qudus Olawale and Omolade Ayemidotun Moses. Others are Taofeeq Toheeb Atanda, Oyekanmi Qudus Oyewale, Alabi Ifeoluwa Olamide, B.T.D Multi global Limited, Adewuyi Adetoun, Owolabi Toheeb Tolulope and Taiwo Shedrack Akpoyen.

The convicts were prosecuted on separate charges.

Justice Uche Agomoh of Federal High Court , Ibadan, found Sowunmi, Olawale, Omolade and Badmus guilty of offence of impersonation contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(1) Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2)(b) of the same Act.

While, Sowunmi and Olawale were sentenced to ten months imprisonment each, Omolade and Badmus bagged nine and six months imprisonment each.

Similarly, Justice Ladiran Akintola of the Oyo State High Court, Ibadan, convicted Alabi, Atanda, Oyekanmi, Adeyemi and Adebayo on separate charges of obtaining property by false pretence contrary to Section 419 of the Criminal Code Cap 38 Laws of Oyo State, 2000.

The judge sentenced Alabi to a term of three months community service, while Atanda, Adeyemi, Adebayo and Oyekanmi bagged two months community service each.

In the same vein, Justice Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of Federal High Court sitting in Oshogbo found B.T.D Multiglobal Limited guilty of counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 preferred against them by the EFCC.

Trouble started sometimes in December 2017 when the Commission received a petition alleging B.T.D Multiglobal Limited and Adewumi fraudulent misappropriated N1billion, received about 8,000 investors.

The court, while ordering the revocation of the certificate of incorporation of the company, ordered that the Corporate Affairs Commission should windup the company. According to the judge, "the proceeds therefrom as well as the sum of N32million recovered in the course of investigation should be used to pay the investors".

The judge also found Adewuyi, who claimed to be 20 years-old and a student of Federal University of Technology; Akure as at the time the offence was committed guilty of count 1 and 2 and imposed a prison term of three years on each of the two counts, to run concurrently.

In the same token, Justice Ayo-Emmanuel sentenced Akpoyen to ten months imprisonment over fraudulent impersonation, while ordering a prison term of six year on Owolabi for impersonation and possession of documents.

The convicts are to retribute their various victims and forfeit the items recovered from them to the Federal Government.

[efcc-secures-thirteen-convictions-in-ibadan-oshogbo](#)

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22 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts Two Internet Fraudsters in Benin City**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday November 22, 2021 secured the convictions of David Martins and Nobel Emmanuel on a one count charge of fraudulent impersonation before Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The two defendants were among 15 suspected internet fraudsters arrested in Auchu by the Commission through intelligence on their fraudulent activities.

The charge against Martins reads: "that you David Martins ( a.k.a John Trigg and James Maxwell) on or about the 3rd day of February 2021 at Kash Momudu Street, in Ekhei Girls Secondary School Road, Auchu, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one John Trigg and James Maxwell, a military medical officer by using his gmail address jamesmaxwell4luv047@gmail.com to obtain money to your advantage from one Kong Yee and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State ) 1976 and punishable under same section".

Upon arraignment, they pleaded guilty to their charge

In view of their pleas, prosecution counsel, Ibrahim Muhammad urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced both Martins and Emmanuel to two years imprisonment with an option of N200, 000 as fine.

The Judge also ordered that items recovered from them be forfeited to the Federal government of Nigeria.

[court-convicts-two-internet-fraudsters-in-benin-city-2](#)

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22 NOV 2021

### **Serial Fraudster Bags 17 Years Jail Term in Kano**

Justice Tukur Muazu of the Kaduna State High Court today November 22, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Gabriel Chimeze to ten and seven years imprisonment on separate charges of conspiracy and obtaining by false pretence.

The defendant had pleaded not guilty to a three count charge when he was first arraigned in July 2017, leading to his full trial which lasted 5 years.

In his judgment today, Justice Muazu found the defendant guilty on count one of conspiracy and acquitted him on count two and three.

The convict was sentenced to ten years imprisonment without option of fine. The sentence takes effect from 27th July 2017 when he was arraigned.

In the other charge, the convict was convicted on the one count of obtaining money by false pretense.

Justice Muazu consequently sentenced him to seven years in prison without an option of fine. The convict was also ordered to retribute the victim a sum of N400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Naira) only.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[serial-fraudster-bags-17-years-jail-term-in-kano](#)  
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19 NOV 2021

### **WANTED BY THE EFCC**

**THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THESE PEOPLE: AKPODEMAYE IKOLO, DONALD OLORUNKOYEDE, OWOOTOMO TOMILOLA SUNDAY AND OKUAFIAKA BRIGHT ONYEBUCHI ARE WANTED BY THE EFCC FOR OFFENCES BORDERING ON FRAUD.**

**ANYONE WITH USEFUL INFORMATION AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS SHOULD PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMISSION IN ANY OF IT'S OFFICES SITUATED IN ABUJA, BENIN, LAGOS, ENUGU, IBADAN, ILORIN, KADUNA, KANO, MAIDUGURI, ILORIN, MAKURDI, PORT HARCOURT, SOKOTO AND UYO OR THROUGH THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS;**

**08093322644 (0809 EFCC NIG), 08069575775 & 07081811717.**

**THE COMMISSION CAN ALSO BE CONTACTED THROUGH, [info@efccnigeria.org](mailto:info@efccnigeria.org) OR THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.**

**The press release includes photos of the four wanted men:**

[wanted-by-the-efcc](#)  
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19 NOV 2021

### **Sports Betting Agent, Ten Others Jailed For Internet Fraud in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command, secured eleven convictions on Thursday, November 18, 2021 before Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, Oyo State.

The convicts are: El-muqsit Shola Folorunsho, Olatubosun Tomiwa (a.k.a Scott Belinda), Idowu Abolaji Olajide, Akintunde Micheal (a.k.a Alex Mary), Aladejobi Gladdious Adeniyi (a.k.a Melissa Stockstill), Odewunmi Samuel Oluwapelumi, Adeyemi Abraham Ismail (a.k.a Victoria Vivian), Taiwo Gbolahan Olasunkanmi, Tomiwa Rasheed Saliu, Olalere Samad Olamilekan and Taofeek Opeyemi Akingbade (a.k.a Alice Jones).

They were convicted on separate one count charges of fraudulent representation contrary to Section 22 (2) and punishable under Section 22 (2)(b)(iv) of Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention,

Etc) Act 2015.

The charge against El- muqsit who claims to be an agent with Betnaija reads, "That you EL- MUQSIT SHOLA FOLORUNSHO sometime in 2020, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did aid some suspected internet fraudsters now at large to commit felony, to wit: impersonation, to gain advantage for themselves and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 27(1) (b) and punishable under section 27(2) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015".

Justice Agomoh sentenced Aladejobi and Idowu to twelve months jail term each, Adeyemi and Odewunmi bagged ten months jail term, El-Muqsit, Akintunde and Olalere were jailed seven months each, while Olatubosun and Akingbade bagged six months jail term each. Saliu and Taiwo were jailed five months each.

The court also ordered the convicts to pay restitution to their victims: El-Muqsit, \$1,000USD and also forfeits the sum of N220, 546:72; Olatubosun, N905, 000; Idowu, \$300USD and the balance of N11,006:92 in his bank account; Odewunmi , \$339USD and the sum of N380, 000; Adeyemi, \$800USD and the sum of £100; Saliu, \$400USD; Taiwo, \$800USD; Olalere, \$240USD and Akingbade \$200USD.

The convicts are to also forfeit items recovered from them at the point of arrest to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The court further order that all the convicts are to undertake to be of good behaviour after serving their jail terms

[sports-betting-agent-ten-others-jailed-for-internet-fraud-in-ibadan](#)

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19 NOV 2021

### **Court Jails 18 Cyber- Fraudsters in Enugu**

The Enugu Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction 18 internet fraudsters before the Federal High Court, Enugu in separate judgments on November 16, 17 and 18, 2021. They were all convicted on one count charge of impersonation and obtaining by false pretence.

The convicts are: Mba Rocks, Nzube Arinze and Osude Ebube Sunday.

Others are: Kingsley Onyeoji Chukwuemeka, Nwoke Arinze Daniel, Nwobodo Emmanuel, Chukwuemeka Emmanuel Ojara, Osinachi Charles Chinaza, Ezediegwu Innocent, Chima Bright Ojara, Onochie JohnPaul Arinze, Ude Ifeanyi and Chisom Nworah.

The rest are MacAnthony Ijezie Chibuike, Ali Chiebere Shedrach, Obinna William, Chukwujekwu Michael Nnamdi, Nwokike Arinze Daniel and Johnson Chima Madueke.

Five were convicted on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and three on Thursday, November 18, 2021 before Justice F.O.G Ogunbanjo; while ten convictions were secured before Justice I.M Buba on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

The charge against one of the defendants reads, "that you, Onochie JohnPaul Arinze sometimes in March 2021, at Enugu, Enugu State, within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court, fraudulently impersonated one Martin Lee, a citizen of the United States of

America with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act".

Justice Ogunbanjo sentenced eight of the defendants to two years imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine while Justice Buba sentenced ten others to one year imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine.

All the convicts are to forfeit their mobile phones to the Federal Government.

[court-jails-18-cyber-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

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18 NOV 2021

### **Abuja Court Convicts Three for Internet Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Abuja Zonal Command, today, 18th November, 2021 secured the conviction of three internet fraudsters before Justice S.B. Belgore of the FCT High Court, Bwari Abuja.

The convicts: Victor Ikenna David, a student; Martins Nnamdi Okonkwo, a graduate of Computer Science and Stanley Obiri, 31, a blogger, were arrested in a sting operation at Kubwa, a suburb of Abuja and prosecuted on charges of internet-related fraud.

The convicts created several social media profiles which they deceitfully employed to receive financial gains from their victims. Victor, aka Jameson Scott, fraudulently obtained \$3,800 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred United States Dollars) from Maya Malik whom he pretended to be in love with. Obire, alias Magret Oliver (a military personnel serving in the United States), and Okonkwo, alias James Lenoir (a civil engineer serving in Berlin, Germany), attempted to cheat Ernest Pervia and Myriam respectively.

The convicts pleaded guilty after the charges were read to them.

Justice Belgore convicted and sentenced Victor and Obire to one month in prison with an option of N100, 000 fine each, while Okonkwo will spend one month in prison or an option of N200, 000 fine.

The Court also ordered the forfeiture of all proceeds of crime to the Federal Government.

[abuja-court-convicts-three-for-internet-fraud](#)

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17 NOV 2021

### **Seven Jailed in Ibadan for Fraudulent Impersonation**

Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 convicted seven internet fraudsters for fraudulent impersonation, an offence which contravenes section 22(2)(b)(i) and punishable under section 22(2)(b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.)Act, 2015.

The convicts are: Jimoh Fatai Abiodun, Atewojaye Oluwadamilare Anogehna, Segun Jolaoso Mayowa a.k.a Prince Maxloun, Babatunde Segun Adeyinka, Aroyehun Mohammed, Onipede Toheed Adekunle and Opeloyeru Kehinde

Abdulwaheed a.k.a Agent Collins DHHS.

They were all convicted after pleading guilty to one count separate charges of fraudulently impersonation

Justice Agomoh sentenced Abiodun to eleven months imprisonment; Onipede and Jolaoso were jailed ten months each; Adeyinka, Mohammed and Opeloyeru bagged eight months each while Atewojaye received one month prison term.

Abiodun was ordered by the court to retribute to his victim the total sum of \$330USD (Three Hundred and Thirty United States Dollars) and also forfeits one iPhone XS Max, iPhone 6 and Infinix Hot 7 mobile phones to the Federal Government.

Atewojaye is to retribute the total sum of \$600USD (Six Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim, Keith Long, through the EFCC. The convict is to forfeit an iPhone 6 mobile phone to the Federal government.

Jolaoso was ordered to retribute the sum of €320 (Three Hundred and Twenty Euros) to the federal government through the EFCC. He is also to forfeit his one Navy Blue Infinix S5 mobile phone to the Federal Government.

Adeyinka restituted the total sum of \$1,500USD (One Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim through the Federal government of Nigeria and the EFCC. He is to further forfeit one iPhone 8 plus, iPhone 11 and a HP Laptop to the Federal Government.

Mohammed is to retribute his victim in the sum of N361, 000 (Three Hundred and Sixty One Thousand Naira) and forfeits iPhone Xr and Samsung mobile phones to the Federal Government

Onipede was ordered by the court to retribute to his victim, Stacy Willborn-Burden, \$140USD (One Hundred and Forty United States Dollars) through the EFCC. The convict is also to forfeit one itel mobile to the Federal Government.

The court also ordered Opeloyeru to return the sums of \$4000USD (Four Thousand United States Dollars) and N162, 400 (One Hundred and Sixty Two Thousand, Four Hundred Naira) to his victim. He is to forfeit one Lexus Rx 350 with a customized number plate "APESIN", one iPhone 12 Pro Max, one Apple wrist watch, black Nokia phone and the sum of N611,902:11 (Six Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Two Naira, Eleven kobo) in his bank account to the Federal Government.

The court further order that all the convicts are to undertake to be of good behaviour after serving their jail terms

[seven-jailed-in-ibadan-for-fraudulent-impersonation](#)

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16 NOV 2021

### **Two Convicted for Love Scam in Abuja**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Abuja Zonal Command on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 secured the conviction of two fraudsters before Justice S.B. Belgore of the FCT High Court, Bwari Abuja for cyber-related fraud

Stanley Okereke and Ngene Daniel were convicted after they pleaded guilty to the one count charge brought against them by the EFCC.

Okereke was said to have created a fake Facebook account and posed as James Mason, a Caucasian American to fraudulently obtained \$1025 (One Thousand and Twenty-five United States Dollars) from Sonia Chicaroni on the pretext that they were in a romantic relationship.

In the same vein, Ngene deceitfully received \$600 (Six Hundred United States Dollars) from his victim, Benita Ollisson, an American citizen over a phony romantic relationship. He also created a Facebook account as Scott Wells, a Dutch, and pretended to be in a relationship with Ollisson.

Justice Belgore sentenced them to two months in prison with an option of N100, 000 fine each.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[two-convicted-for-love-scam-in-abuja](#)

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16 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts Two Internet Fraudsters in Benin City**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Command on Monday November 15, 2021 secured the conviction of Edogbogho Onosemudiana and Wisdom Attah on one court charge each before Justice (Prof) Chuka Obiozor of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The duo were convicted for fraudulent impersonation and intent to obtain by false pretences. Attah and Onosemudiana were said to have sometime in April 2021 impersonated the identities of foreign nationals in order to defraud the unsuspecting victims.

The charge against Attah reads: "that you Wisdom Attah (m) sometime in April 2021 in Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of Michael Scott with the intent to obtain money and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(IV) of the same Act."

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges when they were read to them.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, I.K. Agwai prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants.

However, the defence counsel pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as he claimed that the defendants have become remorseful.

Justice (Prof) Obiozor thereafter convicted and sentenced Attah to three years imprisonment with an option of N300, 000 fine, while Onosemudiana bagged three years imprisonment with an option of N500, 000 fine.

The Judge also ruled that items recovered from them during investigations which include iPhone 8 (golden colour), iPhone 11 pro, SPS laptop and the credit balance of N700,000 domiciled in Zenith bank account belonging to Edogbogho Onosemudiana be forfeited to the Federal government of Nigeria.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[court-convicts-two-internet-fraudsters-in-benin-city](#)

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16 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts Seven for Cyber-Fraud in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command, on Monday, November 15, 2021 secured the conviction of seven internet fraudsters before Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Ogun State.

The convicts are Williams Ikechukwu Williams, Aizoba Opeyemi Stephen, Damilare Godwin Asore, Basit Oladeji Bamidele, Babajide Oluwapelumi Bolaji, Abayomi Stephen Aderohunmu and Oladokun Tobi Oladimeji.

They were all convicted after pleading guilty to one count separate charges of fraudulently impersonating some foreigners, contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (i) and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015.

Justice Agomoh sentenced Asore to ten months imprisonment; Oladokun and Babajide were jailed nine months each; Aderohunmu seven months; Williams and Aizoba bagged five months each, while Basit received one month prison term.

In addition to the jail terms, Oladokun was ordered to restitute his victim, Darlene Miller, the sums of \$2,350USD (Two Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) and N565, 369.97(Five Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-nine Naira Ninety-seven kobo) domiciled in his bank account.

Aderohunmu was ordered by the court to pay the sums of \$700USD (Seven Hundred United States Dollars), N350, 058:52 (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Fifty-eight Naira Fifty-two Kobo) domiciled in his Wema Bank account and N4, 860:54 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Naira, Fifty-four Kobo) domiciled in his Polaris Bank account as restitution to his victim, Davida Henderson.

Aizoba was ordered to restitute his victim, Jahneda Thea, the sum of \$1,000USD (One Thousand United States Dollars).

Williams and Basit were ordered to return the sums of \$1,600USD (One Thousand Six Hundred United States Dollars) and \$880USD (Eight Hundred and Eighty United States Dollars) as restitution to their victims through the Federal Government.

[court-convicts-seven-for-cyber-fraud-in-ibadan](#)

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15 NOV 2021

### **Court Jails 17 Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

The Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of 17 internet fraudsters before Justice I.M Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu, Enugu.

The defendants are Ohazuruike Christian, Emeli Ikenna, Echebiri Ifeanyichukwu Victor, Echefulam Uche, Augustine Dimgba Ikeoha, Orji Patrick Onyebuchi, Egwu Collins Somto and Echezona Emmanuel Nwoye.

Others include Ameh David Owenchochi, Tasi Henry Nzube, Ene Ndukaku Chinwendu, Innocent Chukwuemeka, Onyebuchi Victor Okwaodu, Ikeja Eyerinbi, Chukwu Miracle, Emmanuel Murewa and Ejike Prince.

They were arraigned on Thursday November 11, 2021 on separate one count charges bordering on criminal impersonation and obtaining money by false pretences.

The charge preferred against one of defendants reads, "That you, ECHEBIRI IFEANYICHUKWU VICTOR, sometime in July,2021 in Enugu within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, fraudulently impersonated one MARILYN GUTLERVEZ from Los Angeles, through your fake Facebook account, with the intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals by false pretence, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(i)(ii)(iii) and punishable under Section 22(2)(b) of the Cybercrimes(Prohibition ,Prevention, Etc )Act 2015".

Justice Buba convicted and sentenced fifteen of them to one year imprisonment each with an option of One Million Naira fine. They are also to forfeit their mobile phones to the Federal Government. Ohazurike Christian was however sentenced to one year imprisonment with an option of Five Hundred Thousand Naira fine. He is also to forfeit an Infinix mobile phone to the Federal Government.

[court-jails-17-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)  
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12 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Charges DNFI's on Anti-money Laundering, Terrorism Financing**

The Special Control Unit against Money Laundering, SCUML, of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has charged Designated Non-Financial Institutions, DNFI's, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the anti-money laundering laws and regulations in combating money laundering and terrorism financing in Nigeria.

Speaking during a sensitization programme organised for accredited DNFI's on Friday, November 12, 2021 at the Lagos Zonal Command of the EFCC, Pascal Samu, Lagos Coordinator, SCUML, said the purpose of the sensitization was to educate the DNFI's on their obligations under the Money Laundering Prohibition Act.

“This programme is essential in creating awareness and seeking the cooperation of Designated Non-Financial Institutions in the fight against money laundering in Nigeria,” he said.

In attendance were automobile dealers, hoteliers, supermarket owners, and non-governmental organizations.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-charges-dnfis-on-anti-money-laundering-terrorism-financing](#)  
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12 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Man for \$200,000 Cryptocurrency Fraud in Lagos**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Command, have arrested one Precious Ofure Omonkhoa for an alleged bitcoin investment scam.

Omonkhoa was arrested on November 8, 2021 in the Ikoyi area of Lagos, following credible intelligence received by the Commission about his illegal activities.

He allegedly posed as Moshem Cnich, a Swedish national, to defraud unsuspecting victims of their hard-earned money by claiming that he runs a bitcoin scheme, where people invest money to make huge returns.

Preliminary investigation also revealed that the suspect engaged in a dating scam and had defrauded two victims in Canada.

Upon his arrest, the suspect confessed to have laundered the proceeds of his fraudulent activities by purchasing a piece of land worth \$150,000USD (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand United States Dollars) through bitcoin from CASA-Cubana, a project being run by the Cubana Group.

Upon his arrest, the sum of \$50,000USD was found in his bitcoin wallet.

The suspect will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-man-for-200-000-cryptocurrency-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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12 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts Five for Cyber-Fraud in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command, on Thursday, November 11, 2021 secured the conviction of five internet fraudsters before Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo state. They pleaded guilty to separate charges bordering on fraudulent impersonation with intent to defraud.

The convicts are Gbadeyinka Abeeb Adeyemi who claims to be a student of Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta; Omolafe Olakunle Banjo (aka Ronald Siegal); Ojuade Oluwafemi (aka Mary Reese); Ogundeji Bolaji Ibrahim (aka Allison Katte) and Oketunbi kayode Moses.

In view of their pleas, Justice Agomoh convicted all five defendants and sentenced them as follows:

Gbadeyinka, eight months imprisonment with an order to retribute his victim, one John Stones, the sum of \$1,000USD (One Thousand United States Dollars) through the EFCC. He is to also forfeit one iPhone 12 mobile phone and one Toyota Camry car, being proceeds of crime to the Federal Government.

Omolafe was sentenced to seven months imprisonment. The court ordered him to pay his victim, one Jelema Kraus, the sum of \$950USD (Nine Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) and the balance of the sum of N90, 155:30 (Ninety Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-five Naira Thirty Kobo) domiciled in his bank account.

He is also to forfeit one Hp Laptop, one itel mobile phone and one Toyota Matrix car to the Federal government.

Ojuade bagged seven months imprisonment even as the court ordered that he retribute his victim, one Herbert Hacket, the total sum of \$400USD (Four Hundred United States Dollars) through the EFCC. He also forfeits one iPhone 6 mobile phone to the Federal Government.

Ogundeji and Oketunbi were sentenced to six and five months imprisonment each, and ordered to retribute their victims the sums of \$425USD (Four Hundred and Twenty Five United State Dollars) and \$1,400 (One Thousand, Four Hundred United States Dollars) respectively through the EFCC.

In addition, Ojuade is to forfeit one iPhone mobile phone to the Federal Government.

The court further order that the convicts are to undertake to be of good behaviour after serving their jail terms

The press release has photos of four of the five 419ers:

[court-convicts-five-for-cyber-fraud-in-ibadan](#)

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12 NOV 2021

### **Fraudster who Duped a Dane to Spend Two Years in Prison**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on November 11, 2021 secured the conviction of one Omoaregba Ohis on one count charge bordering on fraudulent impersonation before Justice A. Akanbi-Yusuf of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Lugbe, Abuja.

The defendant was arrested sometime in August 2021 in the Kubwa axis of Abuja, after the Commission received credible intelligence on the fraudulent activities of suspected internet fraudsters. Investigation revealed that the convict used false identity to induce helpless victims to part with their hard-earned money.

A Macbook Air Laptop and an iPhone were recovered from the suspect. Forensic analysis of the devices revealed scam documents sent by the convict to unsuspecting victims. It also revealed that the suspect impersonated one Sammie Hark, a Dane, through the email account: marvisroberta67@gmailcom and fraudulently obtained the sum of KR7000 (Seven Thousand Danish Kroner) about N442, 347.67 (Four Hundred and Forty-two Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-seven Naira, Sixty-seven Kobo) from Helle Hansen, a citizen of Denmark via DKK Reference No. 68167197.

Upon arraignment, the defendant pleaded guilty to the one count charge and was convicted. The Judge sentenced him to two years imprisonment or a fine of N500, 000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira).

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[fraudster-who-duped-a-dane-to-spend-two-years-in-prison](#)

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11 NOV 2021

### **Two Jailed For Cybercrime in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command has secured the conviction of the duo of Adebayo Toheeb Olamilekan and Adisa Babatunde Adewale before Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court, sitting in Ibadan on separate amended one-count charge bordering on impersonation money.

The charge against Adebayo reads: "That you Adebayo Toheeb Olamilekan 'M', on or about the 11th day of February, 2001 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one Pacey Grayson, via a hangout account you created with Gmail address crwstacey@gmail.com with intent to gain monetary advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (1) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)of the same Act".

The charge against Adisa reads: "That you Adisa Babatunde Adewale 'M' on or about the 16th of November 2019 in Ibadan within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, created a profile with the email shellybrown210@gmail.com on a dating website and impersonated a woman from Texas by the name, Shelly Brown, and by this means you obtained benefits and gained advantage, (including the benefit of a Lexus RX330 with Reg. SMK 434 GQ), a pretext which you knew to be false, and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(2)(b)(i) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2) (b) of the same Act".

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

Justice Agomoh convicted and sentenced Adebayo to ten months imprisonment. The court also ordered the convict to restitute his victim the sum of \$700USD (Seven Hundred United States of American Dollars). He also forfeits one Hp Laptop, a Toyota Corolla Sport car, one iPhone 12 Pro Max, and one iPhone 11 Pro Max mobile phones to the Federal Government.

Adisa was sentenced to Seven months imprisonment. Apart from his jail term, the court ordered him to restitute his victim the sum of \$500USD (Five Hundred United States Dollars) and forfeits one Lexus RX330 and one Hp Laptop to the Federal government of Nigeria.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[two-jailed-for-cybercrime-in-ibadan](#)

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11 NOV 2021

### **Court Sends Three Internet Fraudsters to Jail in Benin City**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Command on November 8, 2021 secured the conviction of three internet Fraudsters, Sunday Osamulu, Faithful Omagbeni and Ugiagbe Kennedy Hakeem on one count charge each bordering on fraudulent impersonation before Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court, Benin City.

Hakeem, Osamulu and Omagbeni were arraigned for offences bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences. The trio were said to have fraudulently impersonated the identities of foreign nationals to defraud unsuspecting victims.

The charge against Omagbeni reads: "that you Faithful Omagbeni (a.k.a Wanf Wei) sometime in 2020 at Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did with intent to defraud represent yourself to be Wang Wei, a Chinese, by sending documents to unsuspecting ladies abroad through the internet which identity you claim to be your own and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Laws CA, 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976".

The charge against Hakeem reads: "that you Ugiagbe Kennedy Hakeem (a.k.a Ray Williams) between 2020 and 2021 in Benin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently personate the identity of one Ray Williams, an American by operating a Wassap Business account with the intent to obtain money from one Gaby, a white lady and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Sec 484 of the Criminal Code, Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976."

The three defendants pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, I.M. Elody and K.U.Udus

urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants..

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced Hakeem to three years imprisonment or a fine of N200, 000 while Osamulu and Omagbeni bagged two years imprisonment each with an option of N200, 000 as fine.

The press release contains photos of two of the 419ers:

[court-sends-three-internet-fraudsters-to-jail-in-benin-city-2](#)

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11 NOV 2021

### **Fake Lottery Agent, One Other to Spend Six Months in Jail for Internet Fraud in Ilorin**

Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin, on Thursday, November 11, 2021 convicted a 21 year-old Okolie Francis Uchena from Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State of offences bordering on internet fraud.

Okolie, who claimed to be a Lottery Agent with Facebook was convicted alongside one Adeyemo Adewale Quadri from Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State on similar offence.

The duo, who were prosecuted by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on separate charges contrary to Section 321 and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code Law, pleaded guilty to the charge.

Upon their pleas, counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, called witnesses through whom fraudulent messages printed from the defendants' phones as well as the device used in perpetrating the crime were tendered. He urged the court to hold that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and convict the defendants as charged.

In his judgment, Justice Abdulgafar held that the court had carefully considered the plea of guilt entered by the defendants, the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses, exhibits tendered and the extra-judicial statements of the defendants and was satisfied that the prosecution had established its case against the defendants.

The Judge sentenced Uchena to one-year imprisonment each on count 1 and 2, to run concurrently with option of fine N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira Only) on count 1 and N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) on count 2. The court also ordered that the sum of \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) which the convict raised as restitution and iphone 11 which was used to perpetrate the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Quadri to six months imprisonment each on count 1 and 2, which would be suspended. The court also ordered the forfeiture of the iphone 11, which the convict used as instrument in committing the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[fake-lottery-agent-one-other-to-spend-six-months-in-jail-for-internet-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

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11 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Commander Charges Corps Members on Cybercrime**

The Zonal Commander of the Kano Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Farouq Dogondaji on Thursday, November

11, 2021 sensitised and charged members of the EFCC/NYSC Community Development Service Group to complement the EFCC's effort in fighting graft.

Dogondaji made the charge through the Head of Public Affairs of the Kano Command, Idris Isiyaku during a sensitization lecture to the new members of the CDS Group.

Dogondaji encouraged corps members to be patriotic and join the anti graft army working towards having a Nigeria free from the grip of corruption, economic and financial crimes.

The EFCC Commander further urged the CDS members to be whistle-blowers as they are the Commission's ambassadors in their places of primary assignment.

The CDS members were also charged to take advantage of the newly invented application developed by the Commission, "Eagle Eye" as a new tool of crime reporting.

On the issue of cybercrime, Dogondaji expresses concern as most of the perpetrators are the youth who are considered leaders of tomorrow. In this regard, he warned the corps members to desist from engaging in cybercrimes or related fraud.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-commander-charges-corps-members-on-cybercrime](#)

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10 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 40 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested forty (40) suspected internet fraudsters in an early morning sting operation in two locations in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The suspects are: Michael Lelu Deedum; People Asoliagha; Joseph Ajilo; Adeyemi Gbolahan; Testimony Nna; Nnemeka Chinedu; Ejiofor Raymond; Miracle Ezenandu; Ebele Uchenna; Iyke Obioha; Ikechukwu Nwali; Okoronkwo Emmanuel; Ulu Samuel Eugene Chukwudi; Japheth Tallick; Noel George; Stanley Tallick; Saro Power Maeba; Enyio Chibuike, Ogwashi Precious and Elijah Jeremiah.

Othere are: Tochukwu Emmanuel; Africanus Tamunatoye Victor; Precious Presley; Tamuno Ewi West; Obu Gabriel; Wargu Prayer; Joshua Jeremiah; Kaibar Dsana Paraman; Diepiriye Marcus; Albright Ahiakwo; Precious Ifeanyichukwu Ukeagbu; Onyechukwu Prince Ebuka; Chukwuemeka Ukeagbu; Abiye Dokubo; Chale Amobi; Mine Baranga; Suleiman Mohammed; Chima Christian, James Darian and Kingdom Cyril.

They were arrested in the Ada George and Eagle Island areas of Port Harcourt, based on diligent surveillance and verified intelligence on their suspicious internet- related criminal activities.

Items recovered from them are: nine vehicles comprising two black-coloured Mercedes Benz C300 cars; three Toyota Camry cars; two Toyota Corolla cars; one black-coloured Lexus car and one ash- coloured Toyota Avalon car.

Others are: fifty- four ( 54) phones of different brands; 11 laptops; eight Television sets, two Speakers and one International passport.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-40-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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10 NOV 2021

### **'America National' Bags Six Months Imprisonment for Cyber Fraud in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 secured the conviction of 25-year-old Ayeni Peter Oluwatofunmi for impersonating a white America female, Daina Patrick, to swindle unsuspecting victims.

The offence is contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same law.

The defendant was prosecuted on one count, to which he pleaded guilty.

Upon the 'guilty plea' by the defendant, counsel to the EFCC, Rashidat Alao called a witness, who narrated how credible intelligence led to the arrest of the defendant. The witness, who is an operative of the Commission tendered several fraudulent messages printed from the device of the defendant, which the court admitted in evidence.

Alao thereafter urged the court to consider the plea entered by the defendant, his extra-judicial statements, the testimony of the sole prosecution witness and exhibits tendered to convict the defendant as charged.

Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar held that, "the court is satisfied that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt."

The judge sentenced Ayeni to six months suspended prison term. The court also ordered the forfeiture of the sum of \$200USD (Two Hundred Dollars) which the convict benefited from the unlawful activity, as well as the phone he used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[america-national-bags-six-months-imprisonment-for-cyber-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

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9 NOV 2021

### **'Afghan Soldier', Two Others Jailed for Cyber-fraud in Ilorin**

Justice Mahmoud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Monday, November 8, 2021 convicted a 20-year-old Samuel Anthony, who posed as a military officer serving in Afghanistan, for personation and cybercrime.

The judge also convicted one Yinus Mustapha Olamilekan from Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area of Lagos State for impersonating an official of Facebook and one Godwin Adejare Ibukunoluwa, who claimed to be a 'Data Entry Officer' with a Non-Governmental Organisation, NGO.

The trio were prosecuted on separate charges by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

Aliyu Adebayo prosecuted for the EFCC in the case of Anthony and Ibukunoluwa, while R. E Alao represented the Commission in the case involving Mustapha.

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against them.

Upon the pleas by the defendants, counsel to the EFCC called witnesses through whom they tendered several fraudulent documents printed from their devices, which were admitted in evidence. They also urged the court to rely on the admittance of guilt by the defendants to convict them as charged.

Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Anthony to a suspended term of six months imprisonment at Mandala Correctional Centre. The court also ordered the convict (Anthony) to forfeit the sum of \$175 (One Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars), which he raised as restitution for the unlawful activities as well as HP laptop and iPhone used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, the court sentenced Mustapha to a term of one year imprisonment with option of fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only). The court also forfeited the convict's iPhone 11 promax which he used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

Justice Abdulgafar also sentenced Ibukunoluwa to six months imprisonment on each of the two counts preferred against him, which shall be suspended. The judge ordered the convict to forfeit his iPhone 6, iPhone 11 promax, Nokia phone and Techno Spark 5, which were used as instrumentalities of the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the three 419ers:

[afghan-soldier-two-others-jailed-for-cyber-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

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9 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Secures Five Convictions in Abeokuta, Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command, on Monday, November 8, 2021 secured five convictions before Justice Oluremi Oguntoyinbo of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta, Ogun State and Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, Oyo State.

The convicts are Opatola Malik Sunday, Kilani Oluwaseun Toheed (aka Sandra Ruth Shawn), Obadina Tobi Godfrey (aka Nancy Clarke and Westly Jack), Akinbode Azeez Ayomide (aka Weakman Card) and Adeyiga Ayobami Emmanuel.

They were convicted after pleading guilty to separate charges of fraudulent impersonation, contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (i) and punishable under Section 22(2) (b) (IV) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015.

Justice Oguntoyinbo sentenced Opatola and Obadina to eight months imprisonment each, while Kilani and Akinbode bagged six months each.

Opatola was ordered by the court to retribute the total sum of \$1,100 USD (One Thousand One Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim, Micheal F Baleck, through EFCC. The convict also forfeits a Tecno Cannon X Pro mobile phone to the Federal Government.

Obadina was ordered by the court to retribute the sum of \$1,125 USD (One Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-five United States Dollars) to his victims, Paul Pollets and Charlie Davidson, through the Federal government.

Kilani was ordered to retribute the sum of \$950 USD (Nine Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) to his victim through the EFCC. The convict is to forfeit his iPhone 12 pro max mobile phone to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Akinbode was ordered to retribute the sum of \$1,700 USD (One Thousand Seven Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim, one Deanna Oslen, through the Federal Government and also forfeits his iPhone X mobile phone to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Agomoh convicted and sentenced Adeyiga to eight months imprisonment. The convict is to retribute the sum of \$1,250 USD (One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) to his victim and also forfeits his iPhone 11 Pro Max to the Federal government.

The press release includes photos of four of the five 419ers:

[efcc-secures-five-convictions-in-abeokuta-ibadan](#)  
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9 NOV 2021

### **EFCC Reporting App Safe, Effective**

The attention of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission , EFCC, has been drawn to a report captioned, EFCC whistle-blower app stalls at 15,000 downloads, critics allege data theft, which appeared in The Punch Newspaper of Tuesday November 9, 2021, alleging dissatisfaction by "users" and low downloads of the Commission"s whistle-blower App, Eagle Eye, among others.

The Commission wishes to state that it is pleased with the performance of the application which has been the springboard of several investigations. Indeed, the Commission continues to receive positive reviews from users especially those whose reports were the fulcrum of intelligence that led to the arrest of suspects or the recovery of stolen assets.

The novel application is also the subject of peer review by law enforcement agencies around the world. It remains a groundbreaking innovation in law enforcement especially in Nigeria as it eliminates the human element and other encumbrances in the crime reporting process. Naturally, you would not expect those at the receiving end of such a crime-busting innovation to lavish it with rave reviews in the IOS or Google Play Store. The internet trolls which The Punch amplified their criticisms as the views of genuine users of the application are clearly elements for whom the application remains an existential threat and they will stop at nothing to discredit it.

The reality which the Commission can proudly proclaim, is that the App is working and, through it, the EFCC is receiving a steady stream of Intel which is the overarching objective.

Those who have yet to download the app are encouraged to do so by visiting either the Apple or Google Play Store. It is free and user-friendly. Above all, it works!

[efcc-reporting-app-safe-effective](#)  
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8 NOV 2021

### **Alleged N88.1m Fraud: Court Adjourns Trial Till Dec. 9**

Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos has adjourned till December 9 and 10, 2021 the trial of one Amusa Abiodun Azeez, who is standing trial for an alleged N88.1million fraud.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, is prosecuting Azeez on four counts bordering on possession of fraudulent documents and retention

of proceeds of criminal conduct to the tune of N88,187,773.64 (Eighty-eight Million One Hundred and Eighty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three Naira Sixty-four Kobo).

He pleaded "not guilty" to the charges when he was first arraigned on November 1, 2021.

Defence counsel, O. Ajanaku, had moved the bail application for his client, on November 4, 2021, arguing that the defendant did not constitute a flight risk and would not in any interfere with the case.

"He has credible sureties to stand for him."

"He also has a heavily pregnant wife," he had said.

Prosecuting counsel, S.O. Daji, had, however, vehemently opposed the bail application, arguing that the defendant was in fact an ex-convict who had gone back to the same crime for which he was convicted.

Citing the October 31, 2019 judgement of Justice S.O. Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos, which convicted him of offences bordering on internet fraud, Daji stressed that the defendant had gone back to engage in cybercrime.

Justice Solebo had sentenced him to one year in prison and ordered him to sign an undertaking with the EFCC not to engage in internet fraud again.

"He was to enter into a bond with the EFCC to be of good behaviour and not to return to committing financial and economic crimes again."

"But even before the bond was entered into, he was again arrested for another set of internet fraud," he had told the court.

He had also urged the Court to order accelerated hearing of the case, instead of granting the defendant bail.

However, Ajanaku, in his response, had argued that each case was different.

After listening to the arguments, Justice Taiwo had noted that the defendant was presumed innocent until it was proved otherwise, and that the offence was a bailable one.

Ruling on the bail application, the Judge had granted him bail in the sum of N40million, with two sureties in like sum, one of whom must be a land owner, and the other a close relative of the defendant.

The Court had, thereafter, ordered him to be remanded at the Ikoyi custodial centre, pending the fulfilment of the bail conditions, and adjourned till December 9 and 10, 2021 for commencement of trial.

The press release includes a photo:

[alleged-n88-1m-fraud-court-adjourns-trial-till-dec-9](#)

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8 NOV 2021

### **Alleged \$45,000 Fraud: Court Admits Evidence Against "Sambo Dasuki", One Other**

The ongoing trial of Nnamdi Henry and Vitalis Umunna, also known as Colonel Sambo Dasuki, for an alleged \$45,000 fraud continued on November 8, 2021 before Justice S.O. Solebo of the Ikeja Special Offences Court, Lagos with, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, presenting its first witness and tendering several documents to prove the case against them.

The EFCC, had on May 11, 2019, arraigned the defendants on a seven-count charge bordering on conspiracy contrary to Section 8 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act 2006; obtaining money under false pretence contrary to Section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act 2006; possession of documents containing false pretence contrary to Sections 6, 8 (b) and 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act 2006.

One of the counts reads: "Nnamdi Nwosu, Vitalis Emeka Umunna and Oriazonam Destiny Unity (at large) sometime in the month of January 2014 at Lagos, within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did conspire among yourselves to defraud JFC Company Limited operating in Japan the sum of \$45,000 (Forty-five Thousand Dollars) from JFC Company Limited on the pretence that the money was meant for international postages and legal fees for the importation of construction machines, which pretence you knew to be false."

They pleaded "not guilty" to the charges when they were arraigned, thereby prompting the commencement of their trial.

At today's proceedings, prosecuting counsel, T.J. Banjo, tendered several documents through Anfada Emmanuel, the EFCC operative who led the investigation.

Led in evidence by Banjo, Anfada told the Court that the EFCC received a petition from the Ambassador of the Embassy of Nigeria in Japan, in which it was alleged that some Nigerians defrauded a Japanese company.

He said: "In the petition, it was alleged that the defendants conspired and defrauded JFC Company Limited of over 4.5 million Japanese Yen equivalent to \$45,000 in a business deal that involved the purported registration and award of contract."

According to him, in investigating the allegations, the EFCC wrote to Western Union Money Transfer, the Corporate Affairs Commission, (CAC) the Federal Ministry of Finance, (FMoF), the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), as well as the Presidency (Office of the Secretary to the Federal Government).

In his examination-in-chief, the witness narrated how the defendants used forged and fake documents purportedly emanating from the CAC, FMoF, the CBN and Office of the SGF to defraud the company of the said sum received through Western Union Money Transfer.

Following painstaking investigation, he said the Commission eventually secured the arrest of the two defendants who, at various times, volunteered statements to the EFCC.

He added that upon forensic analysis of their devices, it was established that they were "actively involved in phishing".

Thereafter, the prosecution sought to tender the petition received from the Embassy, the statements volunteered to the EFCC by the defendants, the letters of investigation activities written to the Office of the SGF, the CBN, the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation, the CAC, and their respective responses to the EFCC.

There was no objection from the defence counsel, C.O. Eki.

Subsequently, the documents were admitted in evidence against them and marked Exhibits A, B1, B2, C1, C2, D, E, F, G1, G2, H, I and J.

The case has been adjourned till December 9, 2021.

[alleged-45-000-fraud-court-admits-evidence-against-sambo-dasuki-one-other](#)

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5 NOV 2021

## **Court Convicts Four for Internet Fraud in Ibadan**

Justice Sherifat Adeyemi of the Oyo State High Court 12, sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on Friday, November 5, 2021, convicted four internet fraudsters of charges bordering on obtaining money by false pretence and impersonation, contrary to section 419 and 484 of the Criminal Code law Cap 38, Laws of Oyo State, 2000.

The convicts are: Adekanbi Babatunde Aliu, Agoba Monday Fred, Oyetunji Salam Korede (aka Yessenia E. Delgado) and Ogbonna Friday.

They pleaded guilty to their respective amended one count charge.

Based on their pleas, prosecution counsel, Murtala Usman, Abdulrasheed Lanre Suleman and Marbas Mabur prayed the court to convict and sentence them.

The court consequently convicted them as charged and sentenced Adekanbi to six months imprisonment. Agoba and Ogbonna were convicted and sentenced to five months in prison each while Oyetunji bagged one month jail term.

Ogbonna was ordered by the court to restitute the total sum of \$1,200USD (One Thousand Two Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim: David Govann through EFCC. He also forfeits the sum of N259, 914.62(Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen Naira Sixty Two Kobo) in his bank account and one iPhone 12 pro max mobile phone to the Federal government of Nigeria.

Oyetunji was ordered by the court to restitute the sum of \$2,550USD (Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) being money he benefited from his crime to the Federal government of Nigeria. He is also to forfeit a Toyota Camry, Macbook Air Laptop and one iPhone 12 Promax mobile phone to the Federal government of Nigeria.

Agoba was ordered to restitute the sum of \$1,300USD (One Thousand Three Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim: Larie Maynard through the EFCC. The convict is also to forfeit the sum of N115, 923:37 (One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Three Naira Thirty Seven Kobo) domiciled in his bank account to the Federal government through the EFCC.

Adekanbi was ordered to restitute the sum of \$200USD (Two Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim, one Elisha Billie, through the Federal Government of Nigeria and also forfeits the sum of N917, 381:86 (Nine Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty One Naira and Eighty Six kobo) domiciled in his bank account to the Federal Government.

The convict is to further forfeit one Iphone XR mobile phone and one Apple iwatch to the Federal Government of Nigeria

The press release contains photos of all four 419ers:

[court-convicts-four-for-internet-fraud-in-ibadan](#)

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4 NOV 2021

## **Court Sends Female Internet Fraudster, Man to Jail in Delta ... As EFCC Arraigns another Suspected Internet Fraudster in Benin**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Wednesday November 3, 2021 secured the conviction of Wisdom Ogharadoro and Jonathan Queen on one count charge of impersonation before Justice F. O. Olubanjo of the Federal High Court sitting in Asaba, Delta State.

Ogharadoro was arraigned for fraudulently impersonating the identities of Mary Harry, Jeff Handrick, Wendy Binary and Jerry Williams (all white men) in order to defraud unsuspecting victims while Queen impersonated Sophia Rodriguez, a United States of America citizen to send fraudulent documents and pictures to one Roberto Arnoldo.

The charge against Ogharadoro reads: "that you Wisdom Ogharadoro (alias Mary Harry, Jeff Handrick, Wendy Binary and Jerry Williams) on or about 23rd of March 2021 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did impersonate the identities of one Mary Harry, Jeff Handrick, Wendy Binary and Jerry Williams by sending fraudulent/scammed mails and pictures on Hangout through the internet which documents you claimed emanated from them with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(1) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(IV) of the same Act."

Upon arraignment, the defendants pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them.

In view of their plea, EFCC counsel, K .Y. Bello prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants in accordance with the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and the defendants.

Counsel to the defendants, Igbuan P. Ilofuan pleaded with the court to temper justice.

Justice Olubanjo convicted and sentenced Ogharadoro and Queen to three years imprisonment with an option of N200, 000 fine each. The judge also ordered that items recovered from them during investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

In a related development, the Benin Zonal Command today Thursday November 4, 2021 arraigned one Mathew Collins ( a.k.a. Leonard Rico) on a two count charge of fraudulent impersonation before Justice S .M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin, Edo State .

Collins is alleged to have sometime in 2018 and 2019 fraudulently impersonated the identity of one Leonard Rico, a white man in his Gmail account and through that platform sent documents to unsuspecting ladies with intent to defraud them of their hard-earned monies.

One of the charge reads: "that you Mathew Collins ( a.k.a Leonard Rico ) sometimes between 2018 and 2019 in Warri, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonated identities of one Leonard Rico, a white man, in your Gmail account by sending documents to unsuspecting ladies through the internet which documents you claimed emanated from the said Leonard Rico with the intent to obtain money from the ladies and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(IV) of the same Act" .

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the chargeS preferred against him, prompting the prosecution counsel, K .Y. Bello to pray the court to fix a date for trial.

However, counsel to the defendant, O .F. Ajayi pleaded with the court to allow his client continue on his administrative bail earlier granted him by the EFCC, assuring that he will be available to face his trial.

Justice Shuaibu adjourned the matter till February 1 and 2, 2022 for hearing while the defendant is to continue on his administrative bail.

The press release includes photos:

[court-sends-female-internet-fraudster-man-to-jail-in-delta-as-efcc-arraigns-another-suspected-internet-fraudster-in-benin](#)  
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4 NOV 2021

### **Court Convicts Two Internet Fraudsters in Calabar**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Uyo Zonal Command, on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters: Aghimien Elvis Efe ( aka Benjamin Lugo) and Enwereuzor Chinagorom Edward (alias Jushua Cobb Correy Williams) before Justice Dugbo Oghoghorie of the Federal High Court, Calabar, Cross River State.

The duo pleaded 'guilty' to the one count charge brought against them by the Commission for cyber-related fraud.

In view of their plea, Justice Oghoghorie convicted and sentenced the defendants to various jail terms.

Efe was sentenced to six months imprisonment without the option of a fine, for criminally portraying himself on the internet as Benjamin Lugo an American with intent to defraud, while Edward was sentenced to three months imprisonment with the option of a fine of One Million Naira (N1, 000, 000), for representing himself as Joshua Cobb Correy Williams, an American investment expert on Facebook.

The press release includes a photo of the two 419ers:

[court-convicts-two-internet-fraudsters-in-calabar](#)  
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4 NOV 2021

### **Fraudster Who Impersonates Facebook Official Jailed 6months in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday, November 4, 2021 secured the conviction of one Shitu Labeeb Adebawale, accused of parading as Sheryl Sandberg, a Chief Operative Officer of one of the leading social media platform, Facebook, to swindle unsuspecting victims.

Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin found the defendant guilty of the two count-charge preferred against him by the EFCC, and sentenced him to six months imprisonment.

Count one of the charge reads:

"That you, Shitu Labeeb Adebawale (alias Sheryl Sandberg) sometime in May 2021, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did cheat by personation, when you pretended to be Sheryl Sandberg, a white female, with gmail Account sherylsandberg695@gmail.com and fraudulently deceived Peppelon Shell to send the sum of \$350 (Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars) to you through steam wallet gift cards and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal

Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code"

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Innocent Mbachie, drew the attention of the court to plea bargain agreement entered by the defendant. He also tendered several fraudulent messages printed from the defendant's email including the phones and laptop used in perpetrating the crime as well as a manager's cheque (bank draft) of N205,705 (Two Hundred and Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Naira Only), which he raised as restitution to his victims.

Mbachie, thereafter urged the court to consider the plea of guilt entered by the defendant, the plea bargain agreement signed by both parties, the extra-judicial statements of the defendant and the unchallenged testimonies of the prosecution witness to convict the defendant as charged.

Justice Akinpelu held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt. Consequently, she pronounced the defendant guilty and sentenced him to a prison term of six months on each count, to run concurrently with option of fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only) on each count.

The judge also ordered the forfeiture of the convict's phone and laptop as well as the manager's cheque of N205,705 (Two Hundred and Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Naira Only), which he benefited from his unlawful activity to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[fraudster-who-impersonates-facebook-official-jailed-6months-in-ilorin](#)

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4 NOV 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Jailed Six Months in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday, November 4, 2021 secured the conviction of Muhammed Kabir before Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna on a one count amended charge of cheating by impersonation.

The defendant who was arrested in the Barnawa area for alleged internet related fraud activities, presented himself on a Gay website as a US citizen and used the fake profile to induce unsuspecting victims to confer benefits on him. Before he was nabbed, he had obtained the sum of \$1,150 USD from his victims.

He received the said monies through his bitpay application from where the same was converted to bitcoin and, later, into Naira.

The one count amended charge reads: "That you, Muhammed Kabir (aka Rebecca) on or about the 9th of September, 2021 at Barnawa, Kaduna State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one REBECCA (a white woman) via your Email Account, muhdkabeer16@yahoo.com and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 308 and punishable under Section 309 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law, 2017".

The defendant, pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

Justice Khobo convicted and sentenced the defendant to six months

imprisonment without an option of fine. He also forfeits to the Federal Government of Nigeria, an iPhone 12 and a Peugeot 307 car.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[internet-fraudster-jailed-six-months-in-kaduna](#)  
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3 NOV 2021

### **'Yahoo Boy' Bags Two-Year Jail Term in Benin**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today November 3, 2021 secured the conviction of one Balogun Mayowa (aka James) on one count charge bordering on fraudulent impersonation before Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court, Benin-City, Edo State.

Mayowa had sometime in April 2021 in Owo, Ondo State, with intent to defraud impersonated the identity of one James ( a white man ) and sent documents through the internet to unsuspecting ladies, claiming the documents emanated from the said James in contravention of section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime ( Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under same Act.

The charge reads, "that you, Balogun Mayowa (aka James ) on or about the 23rd April 2021 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonated in your Instagram account the identity of one James ( a white man) and sent out documents to unsuspecting ladies through the internet which documents you claim emanated from him, with the intent to obtain money from the ladies and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime ( Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(IV) of the same Act".

When the charge was read to him, he pleaded guilty. Based on his plea, the prosecuting counsel, F.O. Dibang urged the court to convict and sentence the defendant. However, counsel to the defendant, Philip E.Owachu pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy and honour the terms of a plea bargain agreement between the defendant and the prosecution.

Justice Shuaibu, convicted and sentenced Mayowa to two (2) years in prison with an option of N200, 000 fine.

The judge also ruled that the items recovered from the defendant in the course of investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

[yahoo-boy-bags-two-year-jail-term-in-benin](#)  
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3 NOV 2021

### **Former LG Company Staff, Two Others Land in Jail for Cybercrime**

Justice Muhammed Sani of the Federal High Court, Ilorin on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Ajewole Ayomide Stephen, who claimed to be a former employee of LG Company for cybercrime offences.

In a related development, Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin also imposed various prison terms on one Salami Hamed Adetayo, a self-styled lottery agent from Ijebu-igbo in Ijebu North Local Government Area of Ogun State and one Nurundeen Ibrahim, a native of Ilorin,

Kwara State for similar offence.

The convicts were prosecuted by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

They all pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

Innocent Mbachie prosecuted for the EFCC in the case of Ajewole, while Andrew Akoja represented the Commission in the case involving Adetayo and Ibrahim.

The two counsel urged the courts to consider the guilty plea entered by the defendants, the extra-judicial statements volunteered by them and all the exhibits tendered to convict the defendants as charged.

In his judgment, Justice Sani sentenced Ajewole to a term of six months in prison with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only). According to the court, "the convict is to forfeit the sum of \$100 (One Hundred United States Dollars), which he benefited from the criminal activity" and a Samsung phone which was used to commit the crime to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Akinpelu sentenced Adetayo to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only). The court also ordered the forfeiture of the sum of N616,500 (Six Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred Naira Only) raised as restitution by the convict, his iPhone 11 promax as well as his Samsung 5 8 plus, which were used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

The judge in the same vein, sentenced Ibrahim to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only), and ordered the forfeiture of his infinix hot 8 phone, which was used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

[former-ig-company-staff-two-others-land-in-jail-for-cybercrime](#)

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2 NOV 2021

### **Shun Economic and Financial Crimes-Bawa Tells Students**

The Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, Abdulrasheed Bawa called on Nigerian Students to shun all forms of Economic and Financial crimes at all stages of their lives.

Bawa made this call through the Head of Enlightenment and Reorientation Unit of the Commission, Aisha Mohammed on November 2, 2021 when students of Hamizzak Montessori Academy Abuja visited the corporate headquarters of the Commission in Jabi, Abuja on an excursion.

The Chairman also advised them to always do the right thing, avoid cybercrime, and inculcate good morals and values that could help better their lives and the country as a whole. He also advised them to speak up whenever they see crime is being perpetrated no matter how little.

Speaking earlier, Nwaka Daniel of the cybercrime unit of the commission while presenting a paper entitled "Effect of Cybercrime on the Youth", enlightened the students on the possible dangers and disadvantages of the internet.

According to him, the internet could be used to defraud people

if adequate security measures were not taken.

He, therefore, admonished them to watch the company they keep, adding that bad communications could corrupt good morals.

Daniel also advised them to be good models in the society and to obey their teachers and parents at home.

The highlights of the visit were a mini exhibition of the Commission's activities and a tour of the headquarter complex by the students.

The press release includes photos:

[shun-economic-and-financial-crimes-bawa-tells-students](#)  
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2 NOV 2021

### **Twenty 'Yahoo Boys' in EFCC's Net in Uyo**

The Uyo Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, has arrested twenty (20) suspected internet fraudsters in a sting operation on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at three different locations in Calabar, Cross River state. While some were arrested at Parliamentary Extension, others were arrested at Ikot Ene Obong 8 miles and Ekorimim Housing Extension.

The suspects are: Sylvester Lucky, a 30-year- old car dealer from Yala LGA of Cross River State; Samuel Uwanikone, 20, from Sapele in Delta State; Samuel Olofu, 21, from Benue State; Christopher Apuya, 20, from Obudu LGA of Cross River State; Esiso Mathew, 22, from Sapele in Delta State; Eyare Ernest, 20, from Boki LGA of Cross River State; Pedro Nsokedinam, 25, from Ukanafun LGA of Akwa Ibom State; Chimemma Mathew, 21, fashion designer from Awka in Anambra State; Chukwudubem Chukwunewubze, 21, from Nnewi LGA of Anambra State and Chima Okeukwu, 20, from Oru west L. G.A in Imo State.

Others are: Jisu Ojocule, 20, from Ibaji in Kogi State; Michael Jonah, 25, from Uyo LGA of Akwa Ibom State; Daniel Lukpata, 25, from Yala LGA of Cross River State; Dickson Elvis, 24, from Oghara in Delta State; Valentine Eshuru, 24, from Ogoja LGA of Cross River State; Sunday Henry, 23, from Akwa Ibom State; Kanu Obinna, 32, from Arondizuogu in Imo State; Agbedia Blessing, 23, from Delta State, Edet Obase, 25, from Yako L GA of Cross River State and Emenonye Kelechi, 36 years old car dealer and indigene of Bende in Abia State.

At the time of their arrest, the following items were recovered from them: Two Mercedes Benz C300, a Lexus 300 Saloon car, a Toyota Corolla Car and Two Toyota Camry cars (Spider). Over ten Laptops, several mobile phones and wrist watches were also recovered from them.

The suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is completed.

The press release includes a photo:

[twenty-yahoo-boys-in-efcc-s-net-in-uyo](#)  
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2 NOV 2021

### **Seven Internet Fraud Suspects Arrested in Benin**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, Benin Zonal Command, have arrested seven suspected internet fraudsters in Benin City, Edo State.

The suspect were arrested around Sapele Road, Benin City, following intelligence report on their alleged cyber fraud-related activities.

The suspects are Samuel Osunde, Evans Ovie, Benjamin Okuaghele, Emmanuel Osas, Osasere Osesene, Alende Daniel and Iyangbe David.

Items recovered from the suspects include: Mobile phones, a Mercedes Benz GLK350, one Mercedes Benz C300, 2 Lexus RX 330, and one Toyota Camry Car.

The suspect have made useful statements and will be arraigned in court as soon as the investigation is completed.

The press release incldes photos:

[seven-internet-fraud-suspects-arrested-in-benin](#)

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2 NOV 2021

### **Court Sentences Auto Mechanic to Community Service for Cyber Fraud in Ibadan**

Justice Bayo Taiwo of the Oyo High Court sitting in Ibadan has sentenced an internet fraudster, Adebayo Saheed Modebola, to six months community service after finding him guilty of impersonation in a criminal charge filed against him by the Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The 21-year-old who claims to be an automobile mechanic met his waterloo on Tuesday, November 2, 2020 as the judge held that the Commission sustained the allegation of impersonating one Stephanie Cameron Caron to defraud people through the use of the internet.

The offence is contrary to Section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 38, Laws of Oyo State 2000.

Apart from the six months community service, the judge also ordered that the convict restitutes the sum of One Thousand United States Dollars (\$1,000) to his victim through the Federal Government of Nigeria and the EFCC. He also forfeits an iPhone 11 mobile phone to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-sentences-auto-mechanic-to-community-service-for-cyber-fraud-in-ibadan](#)

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1 NOV 2021

### **Army Hands Over Suspected Internet Fraudsters to EFCC in Ibadan**

Officers of the 12 Field Engineering Regiment of Nigerian Army, Ijebu Ode, Ogun State on Friday, 29 October 2021 handed over 20 suspected internet fraudsters to the Ibadan Zonal Copmmand of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The suspects were arrested during a raid conducted by the Nigerian Army at Ijagun, Odogbolu area of Ogun state.

The suspects are Azeez Hameed Busayo, Olubor Chuks Winner, Amusa Abdulhakeem, Osoko Adesola David, Diyaolu Daniel Damilola, Olunlade Quadri Olamilekan, Amaje Kelly Armstrong, Akorede Olaleye Tope, Owonifari Niyi Sanwiyu.

Others are Ganiyu Olamide Sodiq, Onasanya Taiwo Adeniyi, Ajayi Muhaymin Adesola, Asenuga Ridwan Ayotomiwa, Bamgboye Tobiloba Quadri, Ayede Opeyemi Oluwaseun, Oseni Abolore Ismail, Olaniyan Mayowa Emmanuel, Akanni Qudus Olaleye and Onasile Abiodun Sunday.

Items recovered from the suspects includes eleven vehicles, twenty nine phones and suspected hard drugs. The vehicles recovered by from them are still in the custody of Army.

Nineteen of the twenty arrested have been indicted so far by the investigation which is still ongoing.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[army-hands-over-suspected-internet-fraudsters-to-efcc-in-ibadan](#)

419 Coalition comment: As a Veteran himself, the Coordinator of the 419 Coalition is proud to say to the soldiers of the 12 Field Engineering Regiment: "Thank you for your Service and GO ARMY !!"

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29 OCT 2021

### **Kwara Court Sends Two Fraudsters to Prison for Cybercrime**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of two persons charged for offence of cheating by personation and internet-related fraud offences before Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

The convicts are Idowu Aiyedogbon and Okunlola Michael Blessing. The duo, who were prosecuted on separate charges by the EFCC, pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following their pleas, counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, called witnesses who are operatives of the Commission to establish the culpability of the defendants in the crime. He tendered several evidence including the confessional statements of the defendants, fraudulent messages printed from their phones as well as the device used in perpetrating the crime, which were admitted in evidence by the court.

Akoja, thereafter urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants based on their guilty plea, testimonies of the prosecution witnesses and exhibits tendered.

In his judgment on Thursday, October 28, 2021, Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Aiyedogbon to six months imprisonment on counts one and two, to run concurrently with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) on each count.

The judge also ordered that the convict's Iphone 11 pro max, Apple Macbook Laptop which were used as instrumentality of the crime and the sum of \$1,040 (One Thousand and Forty United States Dollars) which he benefited from the unlawful activities be forfeited to Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Blessing to six months imprisonment, which would be suspended. The Judge ordered that the convict to forfeit his

iPhone 12 pro max, infinix hot 8, and LG laptop to the Federal Government.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[kwara-court-sends-two-fraudsters-to-prison-for-cybercrime](#)

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29 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Two Herbalists, 24 Others for Alleged Cyber Fraud in Ibadan**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command on Friday, October 29, 2021 arrested two self-claimed herbalists, Ajisafe Toheeb and Ogundayo Usman at Soka area of Ibadan over their alleged involvement in offences bordering on internet fraud. They were arrested alongside twenty-four others, four of whom claimed to be students of Lead City University.

Twenty two of the suspects have been indicted by the investigation, which is still ongoing.

The suspects are Soyinka Emmanuel Oluwafemi, Olaoti Fawaz, Omoke Ogbonaya, Okhiria Alex, Olamilekan Ibrahim, Olagoke Olalekan, Adeniran Ibrahim Adesina, Olasupo Temitayo Ayomide, Adeniran Basit, Ogunsetan Gbolahan Oluwasegun, Balogun Salam Omolade and Olamilekan Ibrahim.

Others are Ilesanmi Mayowa, Amao Emmanuel Abiodun, Olakanmi Babatunde Abdulrahmon, Olasile Jide, Dauda Sodiq, Hamed Ayomide Rasheed, Sodiq Olaide, Idris Damilola Yusuf, Abdulramon Mubarak and Ogunbiyi Segun.

They were arrested following verified intelligence on their alleged involvement in cyber fraud.

Items recovered from them include cars, mobile phones, television sets, PlayStation5, laptops, among others.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-two-herbalists-24-others-for-alleged-cyber-fraud-in-ibadan](#)

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29 OCT 2021

### **Five Jailed For Impersonation in Ibadan**

Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State, on Thursday, October 28, 2021 convicted five internet fraudsters for criminal impersonation.

The convicts, Ogunbayo Peter Oluwatobiloba (aka Racheal Brinkley), Charles Jude Albert, Kolawole Bankole Opeyemi, Bello Tobiloba Abdullahi and Obitokun Olugbade Solomon were found guilty of impersonation, an offence which contravenes section 22(2)(b)(1) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b) of the same Act.

Bello and kolawole were convicted and sentenced to ten months imprisonment each; Ogunbayo, nine months; Obitokun, eight months, while Albert was sentenced to five months in prison.

They had earlier pleaded guilty to their respective charges in line with the conditions of the plea bargain agreement reached with the Commission.

Justice Agomoh also ordered Kolawole to retribute his victim the sum of \$5,100USD (Five Thousand One Hundred United States Dollars). The convict is also to forfeit one iPhone 11 Pro Max and one iPhone 7 plus to the

Federal Government. Bello is also to restitute the sum of \$200USD (Two Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim through the Federal government of Nigeria and forfeits one black iPhone 11 to the Federal Government.

Ogunbayo is to restitute the sum of \$500USD (Five Hundred United States Dollars) and N145, 000 (One Hundred and Forty Five Thousand Naira) to his victim through the Federal Government of Nigeria

In the same vein, Albert forfeits one iPhone 12, one iPhone 6, one Access Bank ATM card and one Airpod to the Federal Government. He will pay the sum of \$400USD (Four Hundred United States Dollars) as restitution to his victim, while Obitokun was ordered to restitute the sum of \$25USD (Twenty Five United States Dollars) to his victim, and also forfeit one Techno phone to the Federal Government.

[five-jailed-for-impersonation-in-ibadan](#)

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29 OCT 2021

### **NDLEA, DSS Hand Over Suspected Internet Fraudsters to EFCC in Enugu**

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA, on Saturday, October 23, 2021 arrested and handed over two suspected internet fraudsters to the Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The suspects are Eze David and Onyia Chika Steven. At the time of their arrest, Steven had in his possession 68 (sixty- eight) blank GTB ATM Cards. Other items recovered from him include mobile phones, a Lexus IS350 Salon car with registration number, BWR 977 BR.

The suspects were handed over along with the recovered items including written statements recorded at the office of the NDLEA.

Preliminary investigation following the handover, reveals that the suspect Onyia is into ATM Card scam as two more blank ATM cards were recovered at his residence in the course of executing a search warrant. Also, a staff of a new generation bank at Rangers Avenue Enugu whose conversation with the suspect was intercepted by the Commission, has been arrested and is currently helping the investigation.

In a similar development, the Department of State Services also handed over eight suspected internet fraudsters to the Enugu Command of the EFCC on October 20, 2021.

The suspects were arrested at a luxurious apartment in an estate in Enugu. They are suspected to be apprentices learning the craft of cyber fraud.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

[ndlea-dss-hand-over-suspected-internet-fraudsters-to-efcc-in-enugu](#)

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28 OCT 2021

### **Court Jails 16 Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

The Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has secured 16 internet fraud convictions. The fraudsters were convicted in separate judgments on Tuesday October 26, 2021 and Wednesday October 27, 2021 by Justices F.O G Ogunbanjo and I.M Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu.

Eleven of the fraudsters were convicted and sentenced to various jail

terms by Justice Buba. Nine of them: Franklin Chidera Owo, Chukwudi Nzube, Nwosu Victor Kosisochukwu, Onyebuchi Ebuka. Ozuma Chukwuemeka Henry, Christopher Francis and Eze Godwin Chibundu, Ikwunze Armstrong and Paschal Benjamin bagged two years imprisonment with an option of one Million Naira fine each.

Two others, Obodoechina Caleb and Prince Chukuebuka Mmirikwe were sentenced to one year imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine.

In addition to the jail terms, one of the convicts Eze Godwin Chibundu is to forfeit his cars and restitute his victim, Emily Alvarado, to the tune of \$5,000 (Five Thousand US Dollars).

The charge preferred against Eze reads, "That you, EZE GODWIN, sometime in July, 2021 in Enugu within the Jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, fraudulently impersonated one Brian Rose, a foreign national, and gained advantage for yourself the sum of \$5,000 from one Emily Alvarado on the pretence of trading in crypto currency and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(i)(ii)(iii) and punishable under Section 22(2)(b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015."

The remaining five fraudsters, Lucky Uche Ben-Ihedi, Stanley Ifeanyi Nwankwo, Ebere Malachy, Ben-Ihedi Chiemela Victor and Chibueze Michael were convicted and sentenced to a term of one year imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine by Justice Ogunbanjo, having pleaded guilty to the one count charge of impersonation and fraud brought against them by the EFCC.

The charge against Stanley Ifeanyi Nwankwo reads, "that you Stanley Ifeanyi Nwankwo, sometime in July 2021, at Enugu, Enugu State, within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, fraudulently impersonated one Zooley Tigers, a trader in Crypto currency and owner of Bitminershut.com by means of your Iphone X via a fake Facebook account with the intent to gain advantage for yourself from one Ksh and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3)(a) & (b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act."

[court-jails-16-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

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27 OCT 2021

### **Seven Alleged Internet Fraudsters Arrested Abia**

Operatives of the Uyo Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, today October 27, 2021 arrested seven internet fraud suspects, including one Peter Ugochukwu, a supposed businessman who claims he deals in shoes and clothes, at Umuahia, Abia State.

The other six suspects are; George Izuchukwu, Okeke Desmond, Ekwonna Wisdom, Ejikeme Godspower, Nwachukwu Samuel and Justin Tochi.

They were arrested in a sting operation at the Government College and Okwuta areas of Umuahia following verified intelligence on their alleged internet fraud-related activities.

Item recovered from them include four vehicles (RX 350 Lexus Jeep, Toyota Camry Muscle, EX 35 Lexus and Toyota Camry 2008 model), four laptops and twelve mobile phones.

The suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is completed.

The press release contains a photo:

26 OCT 2021

### **Man Arraigned for Cybercrime in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on October 25, 2021 arraigned one Samson Samuel before a Kaduna State High Court presided over by Justice Darius Khobo for alleged cybercrime.

The defendant is alleged to be involved in identity theft and made false representation to victims, posing in one instance as a US Architectural Designer from Houston, Texas but currently running a degree programme in Spain.

Investigation also uncovered several fraudulent chats by the defendant on telegram and emails to purchase fake bitcoin software.

One of the charges reads: "That you Samson Samuel "m" sometimes in June, 2021 in Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud had in your possession a fraudulent document containing false pretence to wit; "email correspondences" sent to one Queen Allen Queen wherein you represented yourself as one Samson Felix domiciled in Houston Texas which documents you knew contained false pretence and you thereby committed an offence 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".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to all the three counts when they were read to him.

Upon his not guilty plea, the prosecution counsel, Nasiru Salele asked the court to fix a date for trial.

The defence counsel, I.K Anyalewechi thereafter sought the leave of the court to make an oral application for bail which the prosecution counsel did not oppose.

Justice Khobo, granted bail to the defendant in the sum of Two Million Naira (N2,000,000.00) with one surety in like sum, who must be resident in Kaduna and has property with Certificate of Occupancy to be verified by the court registrar and EFCC.

The case has been adjourned till December 2, 2021 for trial.

The press release contains a photo of the alleged 419er:

25 OCT 2021

### **Alleged Online Gay Predator Docked for \$8,420USD Scam in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on October 25, 2021 arraigned one Abdulrahim Dangana before Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna on one count charge that borders on obtaining by false pretence.

The defendant is an alleged internet fraudster who preys on homosexuals online. Abdulrahim, investigation reveals, registered on a Gay/Bisexual hook-up App called Grindr and A4A website, using the assumed names: RYAN, DAVE, FRANK and ERIC.

He employed the fake profiles to contrive romantic relationships with gay individuals and after establishing what appears to be a genuine relationships with his victims, he lures them into sending him nude pictures, which he eventually use to blackmail and extort them through gift cards and bitcoins which he converts into naira using his bank accounts and e-wallets.

The one count charge reads: "That you Abdulrahim Dangana "m" between January and September, 2021 in Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud obtained the total sum of \$8,420.00 only from innocent victims when you falsely presented yourself as a white homosexual man on Grindr App (an online application) and in the assumed character blackmailed them that you will expose them to their families and loved ones which 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 suspect pleaded not guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

Upon his plea, the prosecution counsel Nasiru Salele asked the court to fix a date for trial but the defence counsel, Solomon Otuwaga urged the court to release his client on bail.

Justice Khobo, thereafter granted bail to the defendant in the sum of N1, 000,000.00 and one surety in like sum who must be resident in Kaduna with valid means of identification (ID).

The case has been adjourned till December 2, 2021.

The press release includes a photo of the alleged 419er:

[alleged-online-gay-predator-docked-for-8-420usd-scam-in-kaduna](#)

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22 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Nine Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Warri**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Command, in the early hours of today, Friday October 22, 2021 arrested nine alleged internet fraudsters in Warri, Delta State.

Those arrested are Musa Shaka, Musa Dauda, Oghenekuwe Moses, Oghenekuwe Hezekiah, Akpan Bobby, Ilaya Godstime, Olemene Azubuike, Edevo Success and Atarhe Ochuko.

They were arrested at their hideout sequel to actionable intelligence.

Items recovered from the suspects include a Lexus ES 350 and mobile phones.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be arraigned in court as soon as the investigations are completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-nine-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-warri](#)

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22 OCT 2021

## **Court Sends American Actor's Impostor to Prison**

Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State on Thursday October 21, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Irabor Osarumwense (aka 007 Daniel Craig James Bond) to two years imprisonment for fraud.

Osarumwense was arraigned by the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on one count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretence. He fraudulently impersonated the identity of Daniel Craig, American actor, to defraud unsuspecting victims.

The charge reads: "That you Irabor Osarumwense (aka 007 Daniel Craig James Bond) sometimes in 2021 in Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of Daniel Craig, an American actor by fraudulently sending documents to one Nansiri through the internet which document you claim emanated from the said Daniel Craig with the intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act".

Upon arraignment the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Immaculate Elodi prayed the court to convict and sentence him in accordance with the plea bargain agreement between the parties.

Justice Shuaibu thereafter convicted and sentenced the defendant to two years imprisonment or a fine of N200, 000. The defendant is also to forfeit the phone used in perpetuating the crime to the Federal government of Nigeria. He is also to undertake in writing to be of good behaviour afterwards.

In a related development, Justice Okon Abang of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State has fixed December 7 and 13, 2021 for the sentencing of two internet fraudsters Marvis Bello and Lucky Uhuamare.

The duo were arraigned on Thursday October 21, 2021 on one count charge each bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretence.

The charge against Bello reads: "That you Marvis Bello (Alex Wrang and Pinky Jenny) on or about the 9th of March 2021 at S&T Barracks, Benin City within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, fraudulently impersonated one Valeries Hollywood, a white man by using Gmailkingsmavis@gmail.com to obtain money from one Rebecca Brown and sending fictitious documents to your advantage, the pretence you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act".

The duo pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them.

In view of their plea, the prosecution counsel, Ibrahim Mohammed prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants in accordance with the plea bargain agreement between the parties.

However, Justice Abang adjourned to December 7 and 13 for the review of facts of the case and sentencing.

The press release includes photos:

[court-sends-american-actor-s-impostor-to-prison](#)

419 Coalition comment: Sounds like Agent **00?** got what he deserved :)

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22 OCT 2021

## **EFCC: Separating Facts from Fiction**

By Williams Oseghale

There is no greater evidence of the monstrous and audacious activities of internet fraudsters, aka yahoo boys, than a trending video where some internet fraudsters are seen, standing on the roof of exotic cars at a popular plaza in Benin City, Edo State and, throwing wads of naira notes into the air. The online comments on this show of shame provide a window into the minds of some young Nigerians who see nothing wrong with such reckless display of wealth, though a few were equally aghast at the obscene spectacle.

Indeed, activities of internet fraudsters have assumed a frightening dimension as they now more daring. Not too long ago, it was a shameful to be identified as a 'yahoo boy' and those involved carried out their nefarious activities surreptitiously. But all that has changed as internet fraudsters now operate with impunity and flaunt their ill-gotten wealth and outlandish lifestyles.

Even more worrisome is the support and collaboration some parents provide for their wards and children who are involved in this despicable trade by procuring for them instruments of fraud such as mobile phones, iPads, and laptops.

Some parents go as far as sending their teenage children for apprenticeship, to learn the art of trickery in cyberspace. Recently, a heartbreaking video of an association of yahoo boys' mothers, wearing asoebi attending an event in a grandiose fashion emerged on the internet, an epitaph of how far we have sunk in values and morals.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, as an agency of government, saddled with the responsibility of curbing economic and financial crimes has been relentless in its drive to stamp out cybercrimes from Nigeria. Under the leadership of Abdulrasheed Bawa, it has upped the ante. This year alone, the Commission has arrested over 1500 internet fraudsters and have so far secured over 900 convictions. Victims of internet fraud have also been restituted through the efforts of the Commission.

Ordinarily, such success should draw commendation and accolades. However, that is not the case as social media influencers and celebrities would rather condemn and castigate the EFCC. They condemn the Commission's style which they tagged Gestapo-like.

Sadly, most of the accusations hurled at the Commission are grossly exaggerated and sometimes, outright lies contrived to impugn its reputation for reasons that are unclear. Except in the observation of the Covid-19 protocols, officers of the Commission do not mask themselves during operations neither are they hooded in black attires as alleged by one of its accusers. EFCC operatives are noted for their red jackets with EFCC NIGERIA boldly emblazoned at the back.

Even more shocking is the allegation that the Commission break into homes, shot sporadically and manhandles suspects during operations. Though operatives of the agency are often accompanied by armed mobile police officers during

operations as security back-up, there has never been a single shooting incident involving the Commission's operatives.

Significantly, critics of the EFCC may need to be a little circumspect about atrocities ascribed to so-call EFCC operatives. Sadly not all those who parade themselves as operatives of the Commission are truly bonafide detectives of the EFCC. The Commission has severally arrested fraudsters who impersonated its officials in their attempt to give legitimacy to their illicit activities.

A few months ago, some daring fraudsters parading themselves as EFCC operatives, went on a raid in Lagos, brandishing a fake Court Order to confiscate the property of an innocent Nigerian whom they claimed was involved in fraudulent activities. The 'operatives' came with a truck meant to convey the properties of the supposed fraudster to 'EFCC office'. What saved the day, was that the Commission received credible intelligence and swung into action, arresting the fraudsters in the process. If this fraudsters had succeeded, the victim would have been on the social media, condemning the EFCC.

Accusation that the EFCC regularly manhandles suspects is not supported by facts as those who have been arrested by the Commission, whether politically exposed persons or internet fraudsters, can attest to EFCC's civility. This explains why suspects/defendants and their lawyers often plead with judges to remand them in the Commission's custody.

From the recent attack on EFCC, it is clear that critics would rather EFCC handle yahoo boys with kid-gloves. It is now common to hear some people calling on the Commission to desist from arresting yahoo boys, claiming that they are not the problem of Nigeria but young men struggling to make a living in a difficult economy. How absurd! Acts of criminality cannot be legitimate or justifiable by whatever reason.

Whichever prism we look at it, EFCC determination to rid the nation of economic and financial crimes is a patriotic duty. And all well-meaning Nigerians must collaborate with the Commission by raising their voices against this malaise. Celebrities and social media influencers should take up the gauntlet to salvage our country from economic and financial crimes rather than deploy their popularity to support the activities of fraudsters. Castigating the EFCC is an unnecessary distraction.

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[efcc-separating-facts-from-fiction](#)

419 Coalition comment: Well said, Mr. Oseghale sir.

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22 OCT 2021

### **Cybercrime: Kwara Government Pledges Support for EFCC**

Kwara State Government has pledged support for the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in tackling the menace of cybercrime among youths in the society.

The government also expressed readiness to collaborate with the agency in its efforts at curbing the incidence of computer-related fraud in the state.

Hon. Adenike Afolabi-Oshatimehin, Kwara State Commissioner for Youth Development, disclosed this on Wednesday, October 21, 2021 when she led officials of the Ministry on a courtesy visit to the Ilorin Zonal Command of the EFCC.

According to the Commissioner, the state government was concerned

about the rising wave of cybercrime among the youths in the state, noting that most of them indulge in it without considering its implication on their future. She expressed worry over a report, which according to her recently rated Kwara State as number three state with the highest number of fraudsters in the country, describing it as 'unfortunate and sad'.

Hon. Adenike said that the youths had the potential to transform the state and the nation to a better society, given the right orientation. To this end, she admonished the Commission to further strengthen its advocacy and sensitisation programmes, adding that prevention was the most effective way of winning the fight against corruption.

"We all know that youths are the leaders of tomorrow. Aside from the fact that the youths are critical stakeholders in the fight against corruption, they are also crucial to the socio-economic advancement of any society. This was the reason our governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrasaq felt that we should focus attention on how best to reorient and develop our youths to make them responsible citizens. This is why we are here today", she said.

Lamenting the effects of cybercrime on society, Hon. Adenike said that, "The consequences of cybercrime is perilous to individuals engaging in it, damaging to the victims and it is capable of destroying the image of a state or the entire nation".

While commending the efforts of the EFCC in sanitizing the state, the Commissioner hinted on some of the plans by her ministry to support the anti-graft fight in the state.

"The Ministry is looking at how we can collaborate with the EFCC on advocacy programmes across the three states of Kwara, Ekiti and Kogi covered by the Command. We are also looking at organizing seminars and workshops in partnership with the Commission, to make the anti-corruption messages far-reaching and impactful."

In his remarks, the Ilorin Zonal Commander of the EFCC, Usman Muktar, appreciated the Commissioner and her team for the visit, describing it as 'appropriate'.

He enumerated some of the preventive measures adopted by the Commission in the fight against corruption, which included advocacy visits, sensitisation campaigns, workshops/seminars, road walks, engagement with relevant stakeholders and establishment of EFCC Anti-corruption Clubs and EFCC/NYSC Integrity Clubs in secondary and tertiary institutions, across the country.

"While not relenting in engaging relevant stakeholders within the states under our Zonal Command, we are not also losing sight of the enforcement of relevant laws which is another strong pillar of our mandate. Recently, the management of the EFCC led by Abdulrasheed Bawa launched EFCC Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025, which among other things aimed at increasing public engagement in the fight against economic and financial crimes as well as improving intelligence driven investigation, prosecution and assets recovery", Muktar said.

The Zonal Commander, while welcoming the proposal for collaboration with the ministry, enjoined the Commissioner to formalize the plans, assuring of the Commission's readiness to partner any stakeholder in its bid to win the fight against corruption.

The Commissioner was accompanied on the visit by the Permanent Secretary, Barrister Iyabo Banire; Director, Personnel, Finance and Supply (PFS), Alhaji Shuaib Abdulganiyu and Acting Director Youth, Mr. Abdulsalam Akeem.

The press release includes a photo:

[cybercrime-kwara-government-pledges-support-for-efcc](#)

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21 OCT 2021

### **Shun Cybercrime, EFCC Tells Students**

The Uyo Zonal Commander of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, ACE1 Nwanneka Nwokike, on Thursday October 21, 2021 charged students to shun all acts of criminality especially cybercrimes.

The Zonal Commander who spoke through the Head of the Public Affairs, CSE T. E. Nwosu at a sensitization lecture for staff and students of Nobles High Secondary School, Uyo, bemoaned the involvement of young people in cybercrime but warned the students against getting involved in such vices.

Nwokike also tasked the teachers to the good role models to the pupils and align themselves with the corruption and financial crimes prevention efforts of the EFCC.

The school Principal Mr. Orok commended the Commission for the initiative, while the students welcome the idea of having an Integrity Club in the school.

The sensitization programme is themed, 'The Internet Does Not Forget Crime And the EFCC Will Not Pardon Crime'.

The press release includes photos:

[shun-cybercrime-efcc-tells-students](#)

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21 OCT 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Bags Jail Term, Community Service in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction and sentencing of an internet fraudster, Abubakar Uakam Adeshina, before Justice Fadipe of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was arraigned today, October 21, 2021, on a one-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent document containing false pretence.

The charge reads: "That you, ABUBAKAR UAKAM ADESINA (AKA GARRY NOAH) "M" sometime in June 2021 in Lagos , within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent document/chart titled "Hi Garry" ,wherein you falsely and knowingly represented yourself as Garry to one Juliette in the document and committed an offence of possession of fraudulent document containing false pretence contrary to Sections 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011."

He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Consequently, the prosecution counsel, Babatunde Sonoiki, reviewed the facts of the matter before the court.

Sonoiki told the court that the defendant was arrested by operatives of the EFCC sometime in June, 2021.

Sonoiki added that "upon his arrest, a laptop and an iPhone were recovered from him".

"These devices were analysed and scam mails were printed from them, which the defendant also confessed to in his voluntary statement," he further told the court.

Sonoiki tendered the documents before the court as exhibits to further prove the case of the prosecution, while asking that the defendant be convicted accordingly.

Justice Fadipe found him guilty of the offence and sentenced him to three months imprisonment and ten hours of community service.

The Judge also granted him an option of fine in the sum of N500, 000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand) in lieu of his jail term.

The convict's laptop and mobile device were forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

internet-fraudster-bags-jail-term-community-service-in-lagos  
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21 OCT 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Docked, Remanded In Correctional Facility in Lagos**

The Lagos Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday, October 21, 2021, arraigned a suspected internet fraudster, Taofiq Adebayo, before Justice Fadipe of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The defendant was arraigned on a two-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents.

The first count reads: "that you, Taofiq Hameed Adebayo, sometime in 2021 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent documents, wherein you falsely represented yourself as Mitchell Bernard to unsuspected members of the public, which representation was printed from your email account, mitchellbernardo1363@gmail.com, a representation you knew or ought to have known to be fraudulent and committed an offence of possession of fraudulent document contrary to Sections 1(3) and 8 (b) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act, No 14 of 2006."

The second count reads: "That you, Taofiq Hameed Adebayo ,sometime in 2021 in Lagos , within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent documents, wherein you falsely represented yourself as Madison George to unsuspected members of the public, which representation was printed from your email account, amadisongeorge4041363@gmail.com, a representation you knew or ought to have known to be fraudulent and committed an offence of possession of fraudulent document contrary to Sections 1(1)6 and 8 (b) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act, No 14 of 2016."

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

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Ahmed Yerima, asked the court for a trial date and also prayed that the defendant be remanded in the correctional facility.

In his response, the defence counsel, Kolaseye Owolabi, informed the court of a bail application filed and served on the prosecution.

Owolabi , therefore, prayed the court to admit his client to bail on the grounds that "he has not jumped the administrative bail granted him by the EFCC."

Justice Fadipe admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N1,000,000.00 ( One Million Naira) and two sureties in like sum.

One of the sureties must be a blood relative of the defendant.

The two sureties must be gainfully employed and must show their evidence of payment of tax in Lagos State.

The home and office addresses of the defendant and his two sureties are to be verified by the court.

The Judge ordered the defendant to be remanded in correctional facility pending the fulfilment of the bail condition and adjourned to January 12, 2022 for commencement of trial.

The press release includes a photo:

[internet-fraudster-docked-remanded-in-correctional-facility-in-lagos](#)

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20 OCT 2021

### **Two Convicted for Cybercrime**

Justice E. Ekpe of the FCT High Court, Apo, today October 20, 2021 convicted and sentenced the duo of Ibrahim Ojonugwa (aka Maria Guadalupe) and Athnetus Ezeakunne (aka Angela Muller) to two months imprisonment each for attempting to commit cybercrime which runs contrary to Section 95 and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code Act Laws of the Federation (Abuja)1990.

They were convicted having pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them by the Abuja Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC. Justice Ekpe however gave them the option of N200, 000 fine each and ordered the forfeiture of their mobile phones to the Federal Government.

Investigations revealed that Ojonugwa, who posed as a woman from the Philippines, and Ezeakunne, who presented himself as a Belgian woman, were newly recruited members of a cybercrime syndicate that engaged in gift card, iTunes and Bitcoin fraud.

The duo used the Telegram messaging App to communicate with their victims.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[two-convicted-for-cybercrime](#)

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20 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Secures Two Internet Fraud Convictions in Abeokuta**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan

Zonal Command, on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 secured the conviction of Musiliu Sodiq Dolapo (aka Wilson Janet) and Olawuyi Olanrewaju Ridwan for fraudulent impersonation.

The duo were prosecuted before Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta on separate one count amended charge of fraudulent impersonation, contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(i) and punishable under Section 22 (2)(b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015.

They were convicted and sentenced to nine months imprisonment each.

In addition to prison terms, the convicts were ordered to pay restitution to their victims: Musiliu, Three Hundred and Forty United States Dollars (\$340 USD) and Olawuyi, Four United States Dollars (\$400USD)

Musiliu also forfeits one iPhone 11 Pro max and one itel phone to the Federal government of Nigeria, while Olawuyi forfeits an iPhone 11 and one Bluetooth speaker to the Federal Government.

The press release contains the photo of one of the 419ers:

[efcc-secures-two-internet-fraud-convictions-in-abeokuta](#)  
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20 OCT 2022

## **Internet Fraudsters and EFCC's Redemptive Mission**

By Dele Oyewale

Every arrest of a suspected internet fraudster by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, is headline-grabbing. For the truly patriotic Nigerian, who desires a better identity and image for the nation, such arrests are healthy and commendable. Nigeria is a nation of hard-working, decent and resourceful individuals and every enterprise of deception and impersonation must be smashed to smithereens. Besides, victims of internet fraud, across the world, deserve justice and every arrest of their robbers, calls for celebration! This is just one divide of opinions about such arrests.

There are other divides. There are apologists and shade-providers for internet fraudsters in the land. To these ones, the EFCC is just a disturbing, trouble-brewing agency, always baying for the "blood" of hustling young men and women. Internet fraudsters, in the reckoning of such apologists, are not criminals. They are just adventurers in the expanse of cyber world, plucking some fruits carelessly planted on some insecure grounds! Such shade-providers are always quick to scream blue murder at the sight of any EFCC operative. They are the fabricators of fat lies and robust concoctions against the hard-working Commission.

There is yet another divide and this pertains to fence-sitters and non-committal analysts, who neither stand with the EFCC nor strongly pitch tents with internet fraudsters. They are comfortable to run with the hare and hunt with the hound. They find no moral offence in speaking with both ends of their mouths. They hold no strong opinions about anything and are unmoved by any clarion for image-building for the nation. These ones, sometimes, see the painstaking efforts of the EFCC in ridding the nation of economic and financial crimes but easily submit to the charge

of overzealousness against the Commission.

All these bring us to the kernel of this piece: are internet fraudsters good for the health of the economy and image of Nigeria? Is the EFCC overbearing in the pursuit of its assigned mandate? Is the hoopla usually following every operation of the EFCC against suspected internet fraudsters justifiable? Should the public not continually call fraudsters the very name they should be called? Are these frequent allegations of fence- breaking, room- scattering and privacy- invasion against operatives of the EFCC true or just trumped- up strategies of calling a dog a bad name?

The task of tackling internet fraud and other forms of economic and financial crimes, by the EFCC, is daunting. Corruption may not be a shooting war, it is, nonetheless, an organized crime: a quiet, fatal grip on the jugular of any nation. To combat such a crime requires intelligence, diligent preparation, adequate training, gallantry and combat- readiness. It is preposterous to link operatives of the EFCC with house- breaking and robbery because such scenarios are simply impossible. There is yet no verifiable proof of such claims, anywhere.

Internet fraud has grave implications for every nation. As a largely youth- inclined crime, its practices could be taken as an escape route from genuine enterprise and industry. There is no future for any nation whose youth are head and shoulder immersed in criminality. Youth is a stage of go- getting resourcefulness and ambitious drives. It is not a stage of crude pleasure and permissive engagements. The EFCC is on a redemptive mission by cracking down on tendencies capable of stealing the future of the nation. There is no nation that owes its development to crimes and moral compromise.

As a growing economy, the nation will fare better if our youth embrace attitudes and tendencies that greatly challenge their ingenuity. There are roles crying endlessly for fulfilment. The agricultural space is expansive. The industrial field is totally un- tapped and so is every other space of development. The advances in information and communication technology around the world can be replicated in Nigeria, in the same way science, technology, arts and entertainment can be embraced. Internet- related criminal practices are escapist tendencies. There is no shaft of light in the tunnel of such engagements.

Beyond moralizing, the tireless efforts of the EFCC are yielding huge dividends for the nation. Just imagine what would have been the possible global ostracism of Nigeria, if internet- related fraud and other acts of corruption are allowed to fester un- checked? What makes cybercrimes ominous for any nation is the fact that the leprous fingers of its practitioners are across the globe. Victims of the crimes are in every nook and cranny of the world and so is the attendant damage to national image. No nation can survive such damage. This is why the EFCC is always rolling out its dragnet to haul in those who may not see any harm in cyber offences.

Now, those who are always quick to lampoon every internet fraud arrest made by the EFCC, should simply consider the implication of such offences on the entire nation. Poverty, unemployment and other economic troubles in the land are not and should not be excuses for anti- social behaviours. No nation has zero- poverty and unemployment levels. It is, therefore, untenable for anyone to justify criminal conducts on the basis of social challenges in the land. Every social problem is a challenge truly but the challenge can only be overcome, if creative measures are taken, rather than cutting corners or playing the Ostrich.

Over the years, the EFCC has been making steady progress in the pursuit of its mandate. Nigeria had no strong structure of combating financial crimes and corrupt practices before the EFCC came in 2003. Now, even the worst critic of the Commission knows that it is no longer business as usual. Advance fee fraud was like an accepted practice before the EFCC set sail. Today, the narrative has changed. Even, Internet- related criminals know that the pastures can never be green for them again, if they are caught in the trap of the Commission. What all these indicate is that redemptive works are going on in the EFCC and it requires the collaborative engagement of every

Nigerian.

Insinuations being made about arrests of suspected internet fraudsters in the social media, are to be expected. Sympathizers of such criminality are bound to raise hell against the EFCC. The onus is on discerning members of the public to study where the accusations are coming from. If there are genuine proofs of unprofessional conducts by operatives of the Commission, such conducts should be reported to the Department of Internal Affairs, DIA, for necessary action. The EFCC is an internationally- respected agency, operating with best global practices. There are rules of engagement, even on matters of arrests.

As a note of finality, the EFCC is working in the interests of every Nigerian, including suspected internet fraudster. Those not in the net of the Commission know that innocence and integrity can never be "arrested" by the Commission and those answering one charge or the other know that they are being investigated for suspicious dealings that may not be in the overall interests of the nation. Either way, progress is being made.

Such progress is bound to continue if the larger public is on the same lane of national redemption with the EFCC. Internet- related fraud portends grave danger for the nation but the redemptive activities of the EFCC are the saving grace we all need to applaud.

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The press release contains an excellent photo of Abdulasheed Bawa, Executive Chairman of the EFCC:

[internet-fraudsters-and-efcc-s-redemptive-mission](#)

419 Coalition comment: To the above, we say "Hear, Hear" and, to use a Nigerian phrase, add "May there be more grease to Dele Oyewale's elbow!"  
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20 OCT 2021

### **Man Bags Six Months Jail Term For Love Scam in Kaduna**

Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna, today, October 20, 2021 sentenced one Mesheal Luka to six months imprisonment following his conviction on a two count amended charge of cybercrime and other internet-related fraud brought against him by the Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The defendant variously posed as an American citizen and induced his victims to send him money while pretending to be in romantic relationship with them.

Count one of the charge reads: "that you, Mesheal Luka, (M) between January and August, 2021 in Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did pretend to be one Mesheal ( a woman) based in America when you knew you were not and in such assumed character cheated one Samuel of the sum of \$100(One Hundred USD) when you claimed that you were in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 308 of the Kaduna State Penal Code of 2017 and punishable under Section 309 of the same Law".

The second count amended charge reads: "that you, Mesheal Luka, (M) between January and August, 2021 in Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did pretend to be one Jessica (a woman) based in America when you knew you were not and in such assumed character cheated one James Partridge of the sum of €30.00(Thirty Euros), when you claimed that you were in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 308 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law of 2017 and punishable under Section 309 of the same Law".

He pleaded guilty to the amended charges when they were read to him.

In view of his guilty plea, the prosecution counsel, M.A Jamil urged the court to convict him with the terms of a plea bargain agreement between the parties as the judgment of court.

However, the defence counsel, Usman Idris prayed the court to temper justice with mercy as the defendant has shown remorse and promised never to engage in any act of criminality again.

Justice Khobo consequently convicted and sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment and ordered him to restitute the sum of \$50.00(Fifty dollars) to his victims: Samuel and James Partridge; American citizens through the United States Embassy, Nigeria.

The defendant is also to forfeit one Infinix smart 5 phone and the sum of N48,720.89 to the Federal Government.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[man-bags-six-months-jail-term-for-love-scam-in-kaduna](#)

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19 OCT 2021

### **Brad Pitt's Impersonator, Four Others Jailed in Benin**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, October 18, 2021, secured the conviction of five fraudsters before Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

They are Shuaibu Macclinton, Olasunmoye Teniola, Eze Stephen, Oshodi Nelson Ufo and Ayobamidele Temitope Oguntimehin. The quintet were arraigned on one court charge each for offences bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretence.

The charge against Macclinton reads: "that you Shuaibu Macclinton ( a.k.a Larry Benson, Davidd Robert, Scott Benson, Kelly Nice, Patrick Donald and Kristen Robinson) on or about May 9, 2021 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of Larry Benson by sending a picture of Christiana Fernandez, a lady in the United States of America through the internet which picture and identity you claimed to be your own with intent to obtain money from her and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22 (2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(in) of the same Act".

The charge against Oshodi Ufo reads: "that you Oshodi Nelson Ufo (aka William Brad Pitt) sometimes in 2021 in Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did impersonate the identity of William Brad Pitt, an American actor by fraudulently sending documents to one Thiammy Dolan through the internet which document you claimed emanated from the said William Brad Pitt with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22 (2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(in) of the same Act".

They all pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against them by the EFCC.

In view of their plea, prosecution counsel, I.M Elody prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants in accordance with the plea bargain agreement between the parties.

Justice Shuaibu convicted and sentenced Shuaibu Macclinton to three years imprisonment with an option of N300,000 fine while Ayobamidele Oguntimehin bagged two years imprisonment with an option N300,000 fine.

The trio of Oshodi Nelson Ufo, Olasunmoye Teniola, Eze Stephen bagged two years imprisonment with an option of N200,000 fine each.

Justice Shuaibu also ordered that phones recovered from them during investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria. The convicts are also to undertake in writing to be of good behaviour.

The press release contains photos of all five 419ers:

[brad-pitt-s-impersonator-four-others-jailed-in-benin](#)

419 Coalition comment: Sing along with us to the old Drill Sergeant marching cadence call: "I don't know, but I've seen the signs... Brad Pitt don't get his nookie online your left... your left...your left right left... :)

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19 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Secures Seven Convictions in Ibadan, Abeokuta**

The Economic And Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Ibadan Zonal Command secured eight convictions on Monday, October 18, 2021 before Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, Oyo State and Justice Joyce AbdulMalik of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The convicts are: Okere Ayomide Chibike, Adeola Mutiu Adefemi, Oni Olanrewaju Gabriel, Audu Olusegun Samuel, Muritala Olayinka Lateef, Joshua Opeyemi Okunlaja, Precious Udoka Nwani and Adebowale Taofeek Olamilekan.

They were arraigned on one count charge of impersonation, contrary to section 22(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.)Act, 2015. They pleaded guilty to the charge and were convicted and sentenced to various jail terms.

Justice Agomoh sentenced Adeola and Okunlaja to nine months in prison, while Nwani bagged three months jail term. Okere, Audu, Muritala and Oni were convicted and sentenced to a month imprisonment each.

The court also ordered Okere to restitute N263,000 to this victim; Adeola \$950USD and N142,111:37 to his victim, Audu \$1100USD to one Raymond Alon, Oni \$500USD to his victim, Muritala \$550 to his victim, John Kuleszinski, Okunlaja \$800 to one Scott Terrel his victim and Nwani N400,000 and \$250 through the Federal government of Nigeria.

They also forfeit all items recovered from them to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Similarly, Justice AbdulMalik sentenced Adebowale Taofeek Olamilekan to six months in prison.

The press release contains photos of six of the 419ers:

[efcc-secures-seven-convictions-in-ibadan-abeokuta](#)

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18 OCT 2021

### **Court Sends Three Internet Fraudsters to Jail in Benin City**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday October 18, 2021, secured the conviction of Adeniyi Rufus Oluwafemi, Onoriode Precious and William Omorebokhae before Justice Efe Ikponwonba of the Edo State High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The trio were arraigned on one count charge each for offences bordering on impersonation, neglect to prevent felony and attempting to obtain by false pretence.

The charge against Oluwafemi reads: "that you Adeniyi Rufus Oluwafemi (m) sometimes in February, 2021 at Benin City within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court knowing that one Mrs. Faith Usman designed to commit or was committing a felony, failed to use all reasonable mean to prevent the commission thereof and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 515 of the Criminal Code Act CAP 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State) 1976".

The charge against Omoreboghahae reads: "that you William Imore Omoreboghahae (m) sometimes in June, 2020 at Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud did falsely represented yourself to be William Zurg Rice and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 484 of the Criminal Code Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State) 1976".

Upon arraignment, the trio pleaded guilty to their respective charge.

In view of their plea, prosecution counsel, I. K. Agwai prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly while the defence counsel, Iyangbe Joshua Osobase and Vitalis Nwafor urged the court to honour the plea bargain agreement between their clients and the prosecution.

Justice Ikponwonba convicted and sentenced Omoreboghahae to three years imprisonment with option of fine of N500, 000 while Oluwafemi bagged one year imprisonment or a fine of N200, 000. Precious bagged one year imprisonment with an option of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100, 000) fine.

The convicts are to forfeit the phones recovered from them during investigation to the Federal Government of Nigeria. They are also to undertake in writing to be of good behaviour.

The press release contains photos of all three 419ers:

[court-sends-three-internet-fraudsters-to-jail-in-benin-city](#)

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18 OCT 2021

### **Court Sentences Two for Cybercrime**

Justice O.A. Musa of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Apo on Monday 18th October 2021 in two separate rulings, sentenced one Okoro Daniel (Alias Michael Kani) and James Nicholas to various jail terms for cybercrime offences.

Okoro who claimed to be a US citizen working with the United Nations as a medical doctor induced Christiana Morgan, Auriel Correl and one Phillip, all Americans, to deliver to him the equivalent of N10m (Ten Million Naira only) with which he acquired a Lexus Jeep RX 350,

while Nicholas tricked Leongorman Simone Everett to deliver the sum of N1.5m (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira) to him on the guise of being an internet hacker. The defendants pleaded guilty to the offences.

Prosecution counsel, E.G Inalegwu and Abel Adaji requested the court to convict and sentence the defendants in line with the plea bargain agreement they had reached with the Commission.

In his ruling, Justice Musa sentenced Okoro to three months in prison with an option of N100,000 fine while Nicholas is to spend two months in prison or a fine of N50,000.

They are to forfeit all proceeds of crime to the Federal Government, including a Lexus Jeep RX 350, iPhone 7, MacBook, phones and laptops.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

court-sentences-two-for-cybercrime

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18 OCT 2021

### **Again, Fred Ajudua's Lawyer Seeks Adjournment of Alleged \$8.4m Fraud Trial**

The trial of Fred Ajudua for allegedly obtaining money to the tune of \$8.4m could not go on today, Monday, October 18, 2021, as his lawyer, Olalekan Ojo, SAN, sought an adjournment before Justice Josephine Oyefeso of the Lagos State High Court sitting in Ajah, Lagos.

Ajudua allegedly defrauded a former Chief of Army Staff, Ishaya Bamaïyi, of \$8.4m, while they both were in Kirikiri Prison, Lagos in 2004 for different offences.

Ajudua, alongside his accomplices, had allegedly approached Bamaïyi and convinced him that he could hire the legal services of Chief Afe Babalola, SAN, at the cost of \$8.4m to help secure his release.

At the resumed sitting today, the prosecution counsel, S.K. Atteh, told the court that the prosecution received a letter from the defence counsel, Ojo stating that he would not be present in court and also sought an adjournment of the trial.

"In the letter, he also requested three days in December," Atteh added.

He also told the court that after the case was filed in 2013, it suffered a series of preliminary objections till November 6, 2018 when the trial commenced.

"From the records of the court, it appears the defence counsel has little or no time for this case. The first prosecution witness has been in the witness box since November 6, 2018; and up until now, he hasn't finished giving his evidence."

"We acknowledge that the defendant has the constitutional right to engage any counsel of his choice, but the counsel also has to have time for the case."

"It is not proper that the defence counsel has to be the one fixing dates for this case", he further submitted.

Atteh, therefore, asked the court for a date in November.

He also submitted that "the defendant can engage another lawyer, if his lawyer is unavailable so as not to waste the time of the court."

Justice Oyefeso, in a short ruling, held that "I have noted the concerns of the prosecution, and the SAN must devote time for this criminal charge."

"We must ensure that the case is completed expeditiously and without further excuses."

The matter was adjourned to November 15 and December 6, 2021 for continuation of trial.

[again-fred-ajudua-s-lawyer-seeks-adjournalment-of-alleged-8-4m-fraud-trial](#)

419 Coalition comment: Oh Fast Freddie, Lucky Luciano of 419, when will it end? If you were as smart as you think you are rather than being as Greedy as we think you are, you'd have made a deal with former Chief of Army Staff, Ishaya Bamaïyi to drop his complaint in return for returning, say, half of the money you stole from him. But no..... not you, Freddie. After all, you stole it fair and square so it's all Yours, right? And you have it stashed really good too, so nobody can make you return it either, right? Yeah, you've got it all figured out, don't you Freddie :)

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15 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Nabs 12 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Ibadan**

The Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday, October 15, 2021 arrested 12 suspected internet fraudsters at Alapata and Awotan areas of Ibadan, Oyo State.

The suspects are: Adetola Oluwaseyi Francis, Yusuf Sadam Opeyemi, Usman Adam Abudulahi, Usman Adams Shehu, Ogunleye Timidehin Paul, Omobowa Oluwagbemileke Israel, Owoade Kehinde Elijah, Kamorudeen Sodiq Akano.

Others are; Adeboye Abdulazeez Ayodeji, Ojekunle Tobiloba Micheal, Adewole Peter Adewunmi and Adetola Olamilekan Abidemi

The suspects most of whom claimed to be undergraduates were apprehended following actionable intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet -related crimes.

At the point of the arrest, series of fraudulent documents and other instruments allegedly used in committing the suspected crimes were recovered from them.

The items include: Toyota Corolla, sophisticated phones and laptops.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-nabs-12-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-ibadan](#)

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15 OCT 2021

### **Osun Fraudster Bags One-year Imprisonment in Kwara**

Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Friday, October 15, 2021 sentenced one 24-year-old man from Ilesha in Atakumosa Local Government Area of Osun State, Akingbolagbe Olaleye Samuel to a term of one-year in prison for offences bordering on cybercrime, contrary to and punishable under Section 319(a) of the Penal Code.

Akingbolagbe, a student of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin was prosecuted on one count by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

He allegedly engaged in picking monies for internet fraudsters to the tune of N40million. He was also said to have personally benefited the sum of N7, 062,500.00 (Seven Million, Sixty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Naira Only) from the unlawful activities.

Upon arraignment today, the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, through an operative of the Commission reviewed the facts of the case. He urged the court to take notice of the extra-judicial statements and the guilty plea entered by the defendant, as well as the evidence tendered before it to convict the defendant in line with the plea bargain agreement dated September 16, 2021.

Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Akingbolagbe to one-year imprisonment with option of fine of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira Only).

The judge also ordered the forfeiture of the device used by the convict in perpetrating the crime, which included Samsung S8, Samsung S8 plus, iPhone X, HP Laptop and a Toyota Camry 2010 Model with registration number FKT-598-GW.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[osun-fraudster-bags-one-year-imprisonment-in-kwara](#)

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14 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Woman, Two Internet Fraudsters in Benin City**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, on Wednesday October 13, 2021 arraigned the trio of Jessica Roselyn Edoleyi, Charles Endurance and Ayase Destiny before Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State for offences bordering on obtaining by false pretense, intent to defraud and impersonation.

Edoleyi was arraigned on a six count charge for allegedly obtaining the sum of Two Million, Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand (N2,550,000) from one Airiohuodion Efosa on the pretext of securing a Canadian Visa for him. Charles Endurance and Ayase Destiny are alleged to have impersonated the identities of Roland Scout, Sina Joorachi, George Lawrence in their attempt to defraud unsuspecting foreign nationals.

One of the charge against Edoleyi reads: "that you Jessica Roselyn Edoley on or about the 7th day of January, 2019 at Benin, Edo State within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court with intent to defraud did obtain from Airiohuodion Efosa the sum of N900,000 which was deposited into your Zenith account No.2082592684 through the account of one Amedu Michael Ejeh with account number 017668953 domiciled in Guaranty Trust Bank Plc under the false pretense that the said sum was part of the money meant for getting a Canadian Visa for him, a representation which 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 same section".

The charge against Ayase Destiny reads: "That you Ayase Destiny sometime in 2020 at Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of the Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of Sinn Joorachi, an American medical doctor by sending his picture to unsuspecting ladies abroad through

the internet to obtain money from them and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22 (2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (prohibition, prevention etc) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2)(b)(in) of the same Act".

Endurance is alleged to have fraudulently impersonated one Roland Scout, an American with intent to obtain money and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2) (b)(ii) of the Cybercrime ( Prohibition Prevention, Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under same Act.

All the defendants pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges preferred against them by the EFCC

In view of their plea, the prosecution counsel , K.U. Udus and K.Y. Bello prayed the court for a trial date and an order to remand the defendants at the Correctional Centre pending trial.

Justice Shuaibu adjourned the matter till October 18, 2021 for hearing of the bail application and ordered that the defendants be remanded at the Nigerian Correctional Facility.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arraigns-woman-two-internet-fraudsters-in-benin-city](#)

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14 OCT 2021

### **Mark Zuckerberg's Impostor, Jatto, Others Jailed for Internet Fraud in Ilorin**

A 21 year-old internet fraudster, Jatto Sheriff Umar, who posed as the founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, in order to defraud unsuspecting victims via online relationship, was on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 convicted and sentenced to prison for offences bordering on personation and cybercrime.

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, also secured the conviction of four other persons for similar offences. They are a fake US Military Officer, Oguntoyinbo Oluwatobi Damilola; Taiwo Akinyemi Kayode from Ekiti West Local Government Area of Ekiti State, Adebayo Adeola Mark from Osi in Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State, Adedoyin Olayinka from Ilesha West Local Government Area of Osun State and one Yusuf Alameen Abiodun from Igbo-Owu Area of Kwara State.

While the quartet of Jatto, Damilola, Taiwo and Mark were prosecuted before Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin, Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the same Court, heard the case of Olayinka and Abiodun.

The defendants pleaded guilty to their separate charge.

Innocent Mbachie represented the EFCC in the cases before Justice Abdulgafar, while R. A Alao prosecuted for the Commission in the cases before Justice Akinpelu.

The two counsel urged the courts to take notice of the confessional statements and the guilty plea entered by the defendants as well as the evidence tendered against them, which included the devices used in perpetrating the crime to convict and sentence them as charged.

Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Jatto (Zuckerberg's impostor) to six months imprisonment each on count one and two, to run concurrently at Mandala Correctional Centre. The sentences are however suspended, but the convict would be reporting to official of the Correctional Centre. The court also ordered the forfeiture of his iPhone 12 pro, laptop and manager's cheque, which he raised as restitution to his victims.

The judge gave Damilola a suspended sentence of six months imprisonment on count one and two, to run concurrently, while ordering the forfeiture of the phone used to perpetrate the crime to the federal government.

Justice Abdulgafar also sentenced Taiwo to a suspended term of six months imprisonment. The court ordered that the convict's Black Toyota Corolla Car with registration number LRN237RA, Dell Laptop, and one iPhone 11 pro be forfeited to the federal government.

Similar sentence was imposed on Mark as the court jailed him six months, which shall be suspended, while ordering the forfeiture of the phone used in committing the crime.

On the other hand, Justice Akinpelu sentenced Olayinka to six months imprisonment each on count one and two, to run concurrently with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) on each count.

In the same vein, the judge sentenced Abiodun to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira). The court also ordered the forfeiture of a draft of N135,000 (One Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Naira) raised as restitution to the victim of the crime as well as iPhone XR used as instrumentality of the crime.

The press release includes photos of the 419ers:

[mark-zuckerberg-s-impostor-jatto-others-jailed-for-internet-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

419 Coalition comment: Poor ole Mark Zuckerberg (of course he is neither poor nor old) is having plenty enough problems of his own these days it seems.

Leave it to the 419ers to kick a man when he's down..... sheesh!

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13 OCT 2021

### **EFCC, NCS Partner To Tackle Cybercrime**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, and the Nigeria Computer Society, NSC, have expressed readiness to work together in tackling the menace of computer-related frauds.

Speaking on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 during a courtesy visit to the office of the EFCC Lagos Zonal Commander, Ahmed Ghali, the Chairman, NSC, Lagos Chapter, Kunle Oladipo, said the group aimed to partner with the Commission in its sustained war against cybercriminals.

Oladipo, who also decried the rise in cybercrime activities in the country, stated that "We have observed that cybercriminals are giving us a bad name by defrauding unsuspecting people. So, there must be concerted efforts to change the narrative particularly in Lagos."

Also speaking, Tunde Ogunremi, a member of the group, emphasized the need to keep the cyberspace safe at all times, adding that "our collaboration with the EFCC will go a long way in containing the dangerous activities of the perpetrators of cybercrime."

In his response, the EFCC Zonal Commander said: "You and I know that one of the tools used by perpetrators of cybercrime activities is the computer. And here, we deal with a lot computer-related frauds. So, are ready to collaborate with you."

Ghali, who also emphasized that the Commission gives priority to training, said "though the EFCC is the leading anti-graft agency in the country, it can not do it alone. This is the reason we always welcome collaboration with relevant stakeholders."

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-ncs-partner-to-tackle-cybercrime](#)

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13 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 22 for Alleged Internet Fraud in Ogbomoso**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command, on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, arrested 22 "Yahoo Boys" for alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects are Akintunde Ibrahim Olajide, Yusuf Taiye Afeez, Jimoh Idris Okikiola, Adeyemo Wariz Adegoke, Ademola Olalekan Saheed, Anif Abayomi Busayo, Oriade Sunday Oluwatobi, Ajadi Opeyemi Damilola, Peter Akanji Blessing, Olaoluwa Felix Oguniran, Agbei Shola Peter, Toheeb Adeagbo Tola, Ajayi Akinyinka Umar.

Others include Ibrahim Opeyemi Ishola, Samson Shonubi Oluwafemi, Oki Kayode Oluwadunsi, Durosamo Temitope Dickson, Akinremi Ridwan Abiodun, Ahmed Ogunyele and Olawore Ridwan Olalekan.

They were apprehended during an operation at their hideout in Ogbomoso, Oyo State based on intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

At the point of their arrest, five cars, several mobile phones, laptops and other incriminating documents were recovered from them.

Twenty of the 22 suspects have been indicted by the investigation. They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-22-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-ogbomoso](#)

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12 OCT 2021

### **US Lottery Agent, Graphic Designer, Land in Jail over 'Yahoo-Yahoo' in Ilorin**

Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court, sitting in Ilorin on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 sentenced one Salami Yusuf Adetola, who claimed to be a United States of America Lottery Agent to a term of six months imprisonment for offences bordering on personation and cybercrime.

Adetola was sentenced alongside one AbdulKareem Abdulmojeed Olamilekan, a graphic designer from Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State and one Nwabudike Emmanuel Lawrence from Ethiope-East Local Government Area of Delta State for similar offence.

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, October 13, 2021 arraigned the trio on separate charges, to which they pleaded guilty.

Following the guilty plea by the defendants, R. A Alao, counsel to the EFCC, called witnesses who are operatives of the Commission and tendered

evidence which included the devices used in perpetrating the crime and various fraudulent messages printed out of the defendants' phones and laptops, to establish the alleged offences against them. After the review of the facts of the cases, Alao urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants as charged.

In her judgment, Justice Akinpelu held that the prosecution had proved its cases beyond reasonable doubt.

While Adetola was sentenced to six months imprisonment with N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) as option of fine, Olamilekan was sentenced to one year imprisonment with N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) as option of fine.

On the other hand, Lawrence bagged a prison term of six months on each of the two counts against him, which shall run concurrently with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) on each count.

The judge also ordered the forfeiture of the various devices used as instrumentality of the crime by the convicts to the federal government as well as restitution to the victims of the crime.

The press release includes photos of the 419ers:

[us-lottery-agent-graphic-designer-land-in-jail-over-yahoo-yahoo-in-ilorin](#)  
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12 OCT 2021

### **Poly Student Jailed for Impersonation in Ibadan**

Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Shoneye Idowu Segun to one year in prison for Impersonation, an offense which contravenes section 33 (2) (b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 33 (2) (c) of the same Act.

Shoneye, who claims to be a student of marketing from Ogitech Polytechnic, was convicted after pleading 'guilty' to one-count charge bordering on impersonation.

The charge read: "that you Shoneye Idowu Segun sometimes in 2020 at Ilaro within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonated the name – Anna Balogun from Texas, United States of America with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22 (2) (b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) of the same Act".

In view of his plea of 'guilty', prosecution counsel, Sanusi Galadanchi reviewed the facts of the case and urged the court to convict and sentence Shoneye accordingly.

Justice Agomoh thereafter convicted and sentenced Shoneye to twelve months jail term and ordered him to pay restitution of Four Hundred and Seventy Five United States Dollars. (\$475).

He is also to forfeit his iPhone 11Pro Max and one iPhone wrist watch to the federal government of Nigeria.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[poly-student-jailed-for-impersonation-in-ibadan](#)  
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12 OCT 2025

## **EFCC Arraigns Two Alleged Fraudsters for Impersonating Anthony Joshua ...Obtain £15, 491, 23 from Victims**

The Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday October 11, 2021 arraigned the duo of Ukhuriegbé Glory Irekpitan and Onyekwa Joshua Chinedum before Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin, Edo State on two count charge each of impersonation.

The defendants are alleged to have impersonated Anthony Joshua, the British boxer of Nigerian descent, to defraud two ladies of the sums of £10,000 pounds and £5, 491, 23 in London.

One of the counts reads: "that you Onyekwa Joshua Chinedum (a.k.a Anthony Joshua) sometime in 2019 did with intent to defraud sent electronic messages which materially misrepresent facts to Samantha Johnson, a lady in London which messages she relied upon and which made her to suffer financial loss in the sum of £10,000 thereby committing an offence punishable under section 14 (2) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, Etc) Act 2015".

One of charges against Ukhuriegbé Glory Irekpitan reads: "That you Ukhuriegbé Glory Irekpitan sometime in 2018 did with intent to defraud sent electronic messages which materially misrepresent facts to Mrs Zahra Bagun, a lady in London which messages she relied on and which caused her to suffer the financial loss in the sum of £5,491.23 pounds, equivalent of N2,306,220 and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 14(2) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, Etc) Act 2015."

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against them prompting the prosecution counsel, I.M. Elody to ask for a trial date and for the defendants to be remanded in the custody of the Correctional Service. However, counsel to the defendants pleaded with the court to remand them in EFCC custody, a move that was opposed by the EFCC counsel.

Justice Shuaibu adjourned the matter till October 21, 2021 and ordered that the defendants be remanded at the Nigerian Correctional Centre in Benin City.

The press release includes a photo of both alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arraigns-two-alleged-fraudsters-for-impersonating-anthony-joshua-obtain-15-491-23-from-victims](#)

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11 OCT 2021

## **Cybercrime: Man Convicted for Impersonation in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today October 11, 2021 secured the conviction and sentencing of one Yakubu .M. Abbas before Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna on one count amended charge of attempt to cheat by impersonation.

The charge reads, "that you Yakubu .M. Abbas, sometime in 2021 at Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, attempted to commit an offence and in such attempt did a certain act towards the Commission of the said offence, to wit; falsely presented yourself as Josh (a Whiteman) to one Dan on Grindr App (an online application) in order to cheat him and you thereby committed cheating contrary to Section 308 of the Kaduna State Penal Code of 2017 and punishable under Section 309 of the same Law".

Yakubu was arrested by the Kaduna Zonal Command of the EFCC following his alleged involvement in internet-related fraud.

Upon arrest, he confessed to registering on the Grindr and A4A App as Josh, a Caucasian American. His modus operandi is to engage in romantic conversation with Bisexual men who are married with the aim of obtaining their nude pictures which he subsequently use for blackmail, by threatening to expose them to their spouses and families on Facebook. His attempt to blackmail one Mr. Dan was however unsuccessful.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the amended charge when it was read to him.

In view of his guilty plea, Justice Khobo convicted and sentenced the defendant to a fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200,000.00); and where he cannot pay the said fine, to 5 years imprisonment.

The defendant is also to forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria one Samsung Galaxy A12 and shall undertake never to engage in any crime again.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[cybercrime-man-convicted-for-impersonation-in-kaduna](#)

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11 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 11 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Benin City**

Operatives of the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Sunday, October 10, 2021 arrested 11 suspected internet fraudsters in Benin. The suspects were arrested in separate locations in the City based on actionable intelligence on their alleged involvement in cybercrime.

Those arrested are Osahon Bright, Aigbe Joseph, Stephen Isibor, Trust Odagwe, Francis Ezomo, David Courage, Ehis Okenedo, Omoragbo Paul, Obehi Owman and Godwill Jacob.

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest include mobile phones and eight exotic cars - a Mercedes Benz GLK 350, Mercedes Benz C300, Mercedes-Benz C250, Mercedes-Benz C300, Mercedes Benz GLE63, Range Rover, Toyota Camry and Toyota Venza.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be arraigned in court as soon as the investigations are completed.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-11-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-benin-city](#)

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8 OCT 2021

### **Court Convicts Two for Cybercrime**

Justice Chizoba N. Orji of FCT High Court Maitama, Abuja, has convicted and sentenced Johnson Osahon and Oghogo Endurance to six months imprisonment on four counts bordering on computer-related fraud.

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges upon arraignment on October 5, 2021 and were convicted in line with a plea bargain agreement between the parties.

The court however gave the defendants the option of a cumulative fine of N200, 000 each

They are also to forfeit an iPhone and a Techno Camon 11, believed to be instruments used in perpetrating fraud, and sign an undertaking to be of good behavior.

The press release includes photos of the two 419ers:

[court-convicts-two-for-cybercrime](#)

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8 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Ten Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

The Abuja Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested ten suspected internet fraudsters. The suspects: Victor Onyemachi, Okolo Abdulganiyu, Williams Ebenezer, Victor Ejike, Ojonugwa V. Adama, Ejeh Michael, Bala Ogecha Sadiq, Ejaigu Obokohwo, Azubike Joel and Ejaigu Tobore Donald were apprehended in the Kubwa axis of Abuja on Wednesday October 6, 2021 following verified intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet-related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include four laptops and 13 mobile phones.

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

[efcc-arrests-ten-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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8 OCT 2021

### **EFCC Advises Youths Against Cyber Crime**

As part of efforts to engage the student community in the campaign against cybercrime, the Ibadan Zonal Commander of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Assistant Commander of the EFCC, Kanu Idagu, has advised the youth to desist from cybercrime, warning that it could ruin their lives.

He gave this charge on Thursday, October 7, 2021 while delivering a lecture on Information and Communication Technology and Social Order at the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ibadan.

Kanu who was represented by the Head of Economic Governance of the Command, Chief Superintendent of the EFCC, David Nkpe, defined cybercrime as any form of illegal act perpetrated by using the internet and other electronic means to obtain money from unsuspecting victims.

He advised the youths to focus on self-development and redirect their energy into positive activities that will benefit them and the society. "It is better to start humble and grow steadily than spend time in jail. Be content, work hard and you will definitely get to the top," he said.

According to him, the EFCC is exploring all avenues to dissuade Nigerians from embracing corrupt practices in order not to dent the country's reputation. He said the Commission was ready to collaborate with all stakeholders to find ways of encouraging the students to use their youthful energies in a positive manner, adding that there are enormous opportunities through the internet.

He said the youths should realise that cybercrime has effects which could destroy their future.

Kanu expressed dismay that some families openly encourage the criminal activities of their children because of the benefits they derive from such activities and then

justify it with the high rate of unemployment and poverty in Nigeria.

He assured that the Commission remains steadfast in its determination to reduce cybercrime to the barest minimum in the country.

The Head of Department, Prof. E. Nwokocha thanked the EFCC for considering the invitation and bringing the practical lessons to bear in the students' experience. "This will no doubt serve as warning shots and equip the students to steer clear of these crimes and serve as vanguard for social order," he stated.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-advises-youths-against-cyber-crime](#)

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8 OCT 2021

### **Cybercrime Activities in Nigeria Alarming-Bawa**

Speaking during a conference organised by the Cyber Security Experts of Nigeria (CSEAN) with the theme: "The Future of Cyber Security in Nigeria's Digital Transformation" on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, he said the conference was not only timely but necessary, considering the rise in the trends of cybercrimes across the globe and Nigeria in particular.

Bawa, who was represented by the acting Head of Cyber Crimes Section, CCS, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Command, Suleiman Jijiwa, stated that the Commission, as at September 2021, had recorded about 978( Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight) convictions, out of which 80% was connected to cybercrimes and cybercrime-related offences.

According to him, "In recent times, our society is rapidly changing to what we call the "e-society", where everything is done electronically like e-payment, e-voting, e-banking, e-ticketing and e-registration, amongst other e-services.

"The society is increasingly relying on the internet and other tools to engage in communication and conduct business activities among other benefits. This development has, however, made our e-dealings vulnerable to cyber-attacks and negative consequences of security threats."

Bawa, who observed that the rise in cybercrime activities in Nigeria was alarming and worrisome, therefore, emphasised the need for rigorous public awareness and enlightenment programmes, adding that, "It is important that conferences of this nature, where stakeholders in cyber security, business owners, academics and law enforcement agencies will share ideas and knowledge on the best practices of combating cyber threats and cybercrimes are held occasionally."

He also used the occasion to draw the attention of the guests to the concerns of cyber security experts who warned that the financial damages and losses occasioned by cybercrimes would reach \$6, 000, 000, 000, 000.00 (Six Trillion Dollars) by the end of this year.

According to him, "Studies have shown that cyber-attacks are among the fastest-growing crimes across the globe. This rise was triggered by the huge financial gains on the side of the perpetrators.

"That is why it is not surprising that the cyber security expert predicted that before the end of 2021, there will be a cyber attack incident in every 11 seconds. This is nearly twice that of the year 2011, which was every 19 seconds".

In his remarks, the President, CSEAN, Remi Afon, said the cybersecurity threat landscape in the last one year, had evolved rapidly and attacks

increased in number and sophistication.

He further stated that "though most data breaches in Nigeria go unreported, the increasing amount of large-scale, well-publicised breaches globally suggest that not only are the number of security breaches going up, they are also increasing in severity as well."

He, therefore, called for concerted efforts by all stakeholders to stop the growing menace in the country.

The press release includes a photo:

[cybercrime-activities-in-nigeria-alarming-bawa](#)

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7 OCT 2021

### **Bawa Urges Secondary School Students to Shun Cybercrime**

The Executive Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission {EFCC}, Abdulrasheed Bawa, has charged youths graduating from the secondary schools to shun activities related to cybercrime and be good ambassadors of Nigeria.

Bawa stated this as a guest speaker at the 16th Annual Graduation Ceremony of of Capital Science Academy, Kuje, Abuja on 2nd October, 2021.

In a paper titled "Tackling Cyber Fraud: Inspiration to the Youths", the Executive Chairman, who was represented by Olalekan Ogunjobi, an officer from the Cybercrime Section of the Commission, described the miserable end of cyber criminals and the futility of their actions. He discouraged the youths from believing in the get-rich-quick-syndrome, adding that they can become whatever they want through hard work and sheer determination.

Reeling out the statistics of cybercrime in Nigeria, the Chairman pointed out that the EFCC which is the leading agency fighting economic and financial crimes in the country will leave no stone unturned until perpetrators of cybercrime are brought to book.

"We endeavor to increase the risk for cybercriminals and/or reduce the benefits of the crime by convicting them and retrieving everything they have gotten through cyber-delinquency", said.

The Chairman also urged the graduating students to immediately join in the fight against economic and financial crimes as in the nearest future "we need you in the fight ... as programmers, forensic analysts, financial analysts, investigators, developers etc. I would enjoin you to summon courage to distinguish yourself and not yield to peer pressure".

Stressing that parents, guardians, teachers and religious leaders have a very active role to play in tackling cyber fraud among the younger generation, the Chairman urged all and sundry to educate their wards/followers on the consequences of committing cyber fraud and the impact on the economy and society at large.

Appreciating the EFCC for the interesting engagement, the Principal of the school, Mrs. Rachel Borland, urged the students to adhere to the advice of the Chairman of the Commission and make the school, their families and the entire nation proud.

[bawa-urges-secondary-school-students-to-shun-cybercrime](#)

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4 OCT 2021

## **Two Convicted for Bitcoin Scam in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today October 4, 2021 secured the conviction and sentencing of one Anthony Celestine on a one count charge of possession of fraudulent document before Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna.

The charge reads, "that you Anthony Celestine, on or about the 22nd of May, 2021 in Kaduna within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court and with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent documents which you intended to use for the purpose of soliciting for investment in Bitcoin from the unsuspecting members of the public and you thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 349 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law, 2017 and punishable under the same Law".

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him. In view of his guilty plea, the prosecution counsel, M.O Arumemi urged the court to enter the terms of a plea bargain agreement as the judgment of the court.

Justice Khobo, consequently convicted and sentenced the defendant to a fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100, 000.00). The defendant will serve 3 years imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine.

The defendant, is also to forfeit an iPhone 11 Pro Max which he used in perpetrating the crime to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Trouble started for Anthony when he was arrested in a sting operation by the Kaduna Zonal Command of the EFCC. Intelligence indicated that the defendant and one other approached one Zubairu Umar, a car dealer for the purchase of a Mercedes Benz worth N2, 800,000.00 and insisted on cash payment which aroused the suspicion of the car dealer.

Several fraudulent documents, including one which indicated that he collected \$100USD from a foreigner, were recovered from the defendant.

In a similar development Justice Khobo also convicted and sentenced one Daniel Joseph (aka Bruce Wilkins) on one count amended charge bordering on impersonation.

The charge reads: "That you Daniel Joseph(aka Bruce Wilkins) on or about the 22nd of May, 2021 in Kaduna State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court and with intent to defraud, fraudulently impersonated one Bruce Wilkins (a foreign national) via your Facebook Account Bruce Wilkins which you used in soliciting members of the public to invest in Bitcoins and you thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 142(1) of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law, 2017 and punishable under the same Law".

He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Justice Khobo, consequently convicted and sentenced the defendant to a fine of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N150, 000.00). The defendant will serve 3 years imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine.

The defendant is also to forfeit his iPhone 12 Pro Max which he used in perpetrating the crime and the sum of One Million Naira (N1, 000,000.00) recovered from him to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

[two-convicted-for-bitcoin-scam-in-kaduna](#)

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30 SEP 2021

### **Court Convicts Two Fraudsters in Abeokuta**

Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court sitting in Abeokuta, on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 convicted Alade Oluwasegun Kolawole and Tosin Kunle Kehinde on separate one count charge of fraudulent impersonation brought against them by the Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission. The offence is contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (i) and is punishable under Section 22(2) (b)(iv) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015.

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges upon arraignment.

Twenty eight years old Kehinde was sentenced to one year imprisonment. Apart from his conviction, Kehinde was also ordered to reconstitute a total sum of \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim, Lyndsey Lamance, through the EFCC.

He is also to forfeit one Infinix Hot 8, one Infinix Hot 6, one Dell laptop, one laptop charger and one Toyota Corolla to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Similarly, Justice Abdulmalik sentenced 19 year- old Kolawole to six months imprisonment and ordered him to reconstitute the sum of \$250 USD (Two Hundred and Fifty United State Dollars) to his victim through the Federal Government. The convict also forfeits one iPhone 11 Pro Max and two Power Banks to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-convicts-two-fraudsters-in-abeokuta](#)

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30 SEP 2021

### **Ado-Ekiti Courier Worker Gets 6months Jail for Yahoo Scam in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 secured the conviction of one Akinluyi Damilola Gabriel, a worker currently in the employ of Tranex Courier service, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, for internet-related fraud and love scam.

Akinluyi, 29, was prosecuted on one count before Justice Mohammed Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin.

He was among the 34 suspected internet fraudsters arrested in different locations of Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State Capital on March 8, 2021.

The Charge against the defendant reads: "That you, Akinluyi Damilola Gabriel, sometime between January 2021 and February 2021 at Ado Ekiti within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court fraudulently impersonated one Connor Matty via Gmail account connormatty4@gamil.com with intent to obtain \$150.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) worth of iTune gift card and which you did obtain from one Hollie Beilman and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (iv) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him.

Upon his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Aliyu Adebayo, urged the court to convict him as charged.

Justice Sanni sentenced Akinluyi to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N300, 000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira).

The court also ordered the forfeiture of the convict's iPhone 7 and Motorola phone, which were used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release contains a photo of the 419er:

[ado-ekiti-courier-worker-gets-6months-jail-for-yahoo-scam-in-ilorin](#)

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30 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 21 Internet Fraudsters in Umuahia**

Operatives of the Uyo Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 arrested 21 suspected internet Fraudsters a sting operation at World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia, Abia state.

The arrested suspects are: Onwuka John Urum, Nwigwe Favour Uzochukwu, Marvelous Igwe Chikaodiri, Egbulef Promise, Okolo Christopher, Okoye Kosiso Chukwu, Uzor Kingsley Nzube, Okafor Jeremiah Onyedikachi, Okoji Franklin Akachukwu and Emmanuel Chibuike.

Others are Okechukwu Oko, Miracle Chubueze, Sunday Eze Goodnews, Nwache Justice, Azubuike Chikwado, Obioma Prince Chinomso, Nwazo Collins Ugochukwu, Ogugu Chukwu Ebuka, Chinaka Macdonald, Ebere Uchenna and Okechukwu Emeka Michael.

At the point of arrest, the following vehicles were recovered from them: Lexus ES350 with registration number Abuja KWL3398BP, a Mercedes Benz with registration number Abuja ABC677 EH, a Toyota Camry 2008 Model with registration number SMK507GZ and a Lexus ES350 with registration number IMO EKE 136 AE.

Other items recovered from the suspects include different brands of laptops and mobile phones.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-21-internet-fraudsters-in-umuahia](#)

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28 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Man for \$350,000 Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 arraigned Abel Lesi Goka for offences bordering fraud before Justice Modupe Osho Adebisi of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Gudu, Abuja.

Goka was arraigned alongside, Caminus Tochukwu Nwabine of Kambelly Logistics who is currently at large and Alhaji Ibrahim Aminu, also

at large, on twenty three counts of forgery, conspiracy, obtaining by false pretence and internet fraud contrary to Section 8 (a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act.

Count one of the charge reads:

"That you, Abel Lesi Goka, Caminus Tochukwu Nwabineli of Kambelly Logistics Services (at large) and Alhaji Ibrahim Aminu (at large) sometime between 12th December, 2017 and 15th December 2017 at Abuja, in the Abuja Judicial Division of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory did conspire to do an illegal act to wit; obtained the gross sum of \$350,000.00( Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) from one Mariam Eyitayo on behalf of HAMCHID NIGERIA LIMITED under the false pretense that the said monies represent payment to facilitate chartering of vessels; SCF SAMOTLOR and MT COSLUCKY LAKE to transport a total of 3,000,000 ( three million) barrels of Bonny Light Crude Oil(BLCO) from Nigeria to Ghana waters, thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 8 (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 when the charges were read to him.

Upon the defendant's plea, counsel to the EFCC, Benjamin Lawan Manji asked the court to remand him in prison custody.

Justice Modupe Osho Adebisi, however admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N50million with two sureties who must submit their tax clearance to the court. One surety must be a civil servant of not less than Grade Level 14. The two sureties must be verified by both court officials and the prosecuting counsel.

While fixing November 4, 2021 for trial, and considering the ill health of the defendant, the court gave the defendant three days grace to perfect the bail conditions. The defence counsel shall undertake to report to the court the stage of the perfection of the bail.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arraigns-man-for-350-000-fraud](#)

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28 SEP 2021

### **Anti-graft War: Japan Pledges Support to EFCC**

The Japanese government has pledged to support the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in the fight against financial crimes. The Japanese Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Nigeria, Matsunaga Kazuyoshi made the pledge on Tuesday September 29, 2021 during a Courtesy Visit to Executive Chairman of the EFCC, Abdulrasheed Bawa at EFCC headquarters Abuja.

The envoy who expressed delight at the professionalism of the EFCC, noted that the Commission's efforts in helping a Japanese victim of scam to recover and repatriate a sum of 370,000 Yen to Japan early this year, was "the first case in Japan where the victim's money remitted overseas was returned."

"The response of your organization in resolving the 419 scam case against Japanese victim is highly commendable," he added.

He asked for EFCC's continuous cooperation in helping Japanese victims of fraud, noting that many victims were reluctant to come forward because of the difficulties in tracking monies transferred to foreign countries.

The envoy further disclosed that the Japanese Government had conducted a training programme on governance in some countries and promised to extend the gesture to the EFCC. "We would consider expanding our cooperation with the EFCC, including a training programme with a view to supporting anti-corruption measures in Nigeria," he said.

Responding, the EFCC Chairman, Abdulrasheed Bawa briefed the envoy on the mandate of the Commission and its strategic direction under his watch, especially the use of technology, and disclosed plans by the agency to launch its Strategic Plan, 2021-2025 on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

The EFCC boss described the Commission as the hub of international cooperation in law enforcement in Nigeria adding that, "we can partner to see that economic crime is eradicated around the globe".

He assured of the Commission's willingness to continue to investigate any reported case where Japanese citizens are victims of scams and to restitute the recovered funds accordingly.

The press release includes a photo:

[anti-graft-war-japan-pledges-support-to-efcc](#)

419 Coalition comment: This is good news of course, but if it is really accurate that this is the first time ever that 419ed monies have been restituted and repatriated to a Japanese national that is a mind-boggling admission by the Nigerian government (EFCC) in our view.....

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28 SEP 2021

### **Two US Military Impostors Land in Jail for Love Scam in Ilorin**

Justice Mohamed Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin has sentenced Akinrodolu Sunday and George Tobi, who were posing as United States of America Military Officers, to various jail terms over offences bordering on love scam and other internet-related fraud.

Akinrodolu and George were jailed alongside one Oluwajobi Victor on separate charges of fraud brought against them by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The convicts were among the 34 suspected internet fraudsters arrested in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State on March 8, 2021.

While Akinrodolu and George were posing to be US military Officers to lure unsuspecting victims into online relationship, Olujobi was charged for attempt to defraud people seeking accommodation in USA.

The defendants admitted committing the crime and pleaded guilty when the charges were read to them.

Items recovered from the defendants, including a Toyota Corolla Sport Car, iPhones, Ipad, bank draft and incriminating items printed from their devices, were tendered by Aliyu Adebayo and Rasheedat Alao, who prosecuted the cases for the Commission and admitted in evidence by the court.

In his judgment on Monday, September 27, 2021, Justice Sanni sentenced Akinrodolu to six months imprisonment each on count one and two with option of fine of N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) on each count. The court also ordered the forfeiture of his iPhone 7 and infinix 55 phone, which he used to perpetrate the crime as well as a Toyota Corolla Sport car acquired with the proceeds of his unlawful activities to the Federal Government.

Similarly, George was sentenced to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira). The iPhone 6s recovered from him at the point of arrest was also forfeited to the Federal Government.

In the same token, Justice Sani sentenced Olujobi to six months imprisonment with option of fine of N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira). The judge ordered that the iPhone 6 and iPad Air 2, which the convict used to perpetrate the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[two-us-military-impostors-land-in-jail-for-love-scam-in-ilorin](#)

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27 SEP 2021

## **EFCC, UNILAG Partner To Tackle Cybercrimes**

The Lagos Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, and the University of Lagos, UNILAG, have expressed readiness to work together in tackling the menace of computer-related frauds.

Speaking on Monday, September 27, 2021 during a courtesy visit to the office of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe, the Zonal Commander, EFCC, Lagos, Ahmed Ghali, said: "The purpose of this visit is to seek your support and collaboration in sensitizing the youth on the menace of economic and financial crimes as well as computer-related frauds."

Ghali, who spoke through the Deputy Zonal Commander, EFCC, Lagos, Emeka Okonjo, added that "We want to leverage on the teeming youths on the campuses of higher institutions in the country in our sustained fight against computer-related frauds, and we consider UNILAG as the starting point for this initiative."

"We believe that the University environment is a training ground for youths, both academically and morally. It is, therefore, imperative that we join hands in the fight against the infamous yahoo-yahoo".

He also used the occasion to emphasize the resolve of the incumbent Chairman, Abdulrasheed Bawa, whom he said "is more interested in the prevention mandate of the Commission."

In his response, Ogundipe said: "We are ready to collaborate with you. We will include you in our orientation programmes as from next session, so that you could have platforms to sensitize both the new and the returning students against the menace of cybercrimes. For the returning students, we will do it on a faculty basis, so that the anti-graft campaign can be far-reaching."

"Quite a number of the students join the bandwagon innocently; they are gullible. As such, we will definitely partner with you and let you speak to the issues."

The EFCC officials were received by the University's management Staff, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics and Research, Prof. Oluwole Familoni; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development Services, Prof. Ayodele Atsenuwa; Deputy-Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Prof. Obinna Chukwu; Dean, Students Affairs, Prof. Ademola Adeleke; Director, Academic Planning, Prof. Olusakin Mopelola and Registrar, Mr. Oladejo Azeez.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-unilag-partner-to-tackle-cybercrimes](#)

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27 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Secures Three Internet Fraud Convictions in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command on Friday, September 24, 2021 secured the conviction of three internet fraudsters: Sodiq Oluasegun Adefila, Anifowoshe Babamide and Raqeed Salaudeen Segun.

While Adefila was convicted of impersonation and sentenced to eight months jail term by Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court, Ibadan; Anifowoshe and Raqeed were convicted of impersonation and sentenced to six months imprisonment each by Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court, Ibadan.

They all pleaded guilty to their respective one-count amended charges for the offences which contravene Section 22 (2) (b) (i) of Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (IV) of the same Act.

Apart from the jail term, Adefila was ordered to retribute his victim, one Yolanda Bailey, to the tune of \$285 (Two Hundred and Eighty Five United States Dollars) and forfeits an iPhone 6 Plus mobile phone to the Federal government.

Similarly, Raqeed was ordered to retribute his victim in the sums of \$160 (One Sixty United States Dollars) and Six Thousand Naira (N6, 000). He also forfeits one iPhone X Max and an Infinix mobile phone to the Federal Government.

In Anifowoshe's case, Justice Agomoh ordered that he forfeits one Techno Spark mobile-phone used in committing the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release contains photos of all three 419ers:

[efcc-secures-three-internet-fraud-convictions-in-ibadan](#)

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27 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Three Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday, September 24, 2021, arrested three suspected internet fraudsters in the Kuje and Gwagwalada axis of Abuja.

The suspects are Adejobi Riliwan, Igwe Dominic and Sunday David.

They were arrested in a sting operation following credible intelligence received by the Commission on their alleged involvement in computer-related

fraud.

Items recovered include computers and mobile phones.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release contains photos of all three 419ers:

[arrests-three-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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24 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 28 for Alleged Internet Fraud**

The Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today Friday, September 24, 2021, arrested 28 suspected internet fraudsters.

Seventeen (17) of the suspects were arrested in Awka, Anambra State while 11 others were arrested in Enugu, Enugu State, following actionable intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects are: Afam Onu, Frank Offiah, Christopher Anakudo, Steven Ofodili, Sochima Theophilus, Jude Chibuzo, David Ebubechukwu, Victor Okechukwu, Nwazaku Ifeanyi, Ogbonna Amarachi, Nwachukwu Ugochukwu, Ebube Sunday, Chidiebere Eze, Nwakoye Emmanuel, Francis Alexander, Nwoba Nnanna and Nwazaku Kelechi.

Others include Chimdindu Nwakanma, Daniel Onyekachukwu, Peter Nnopuechi, Collins Chukwuma, Ngene Emmanuel. Ani Franklyn, Onah Chimere, Onah Olisaemeka, Chidebere Nnamani and Ernest Okorie Arinze.

Some of the items recovered from them include one Toyota Corolla Altis with registration number FGG-194-AJ, one Toyota Avalon with registration number BWR-169-CB, one Toyota Venza with registration number AGG-559-TN, one Lexus ES350 with registration number BZR- 535-FF , one Mercedes Benz GLK 350 with registration number LND-241-FM, laptops, mobile phones and title documents

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-28-for-alleged-internet-fraud](#)

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23 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 26 Internet Fraud Suspects in Asaba**

Operatives of the Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday September 23, 2021 arrested 26 internet fraud suspects in Asaba, Delta State.

The suspects include Ezeabia Lucy, Ossai Chioma, Okoh Ekene, Okoduwa Bright, Jefferey Nwabunike, Egonu Ikechukwu, Onwudiachi Martins, Ofili Junior, Ejimofor Celestine, Joseph Diamond Olisa, Frank Sunday, Calvin Emmanuel Ojara, Afoye Powede Joshua, and Chima Bright Ojara.

Other are Micheal Emmanuel Chukwuka, Okonkwo Chukwuemeka Promise, Iyoha Oseiwe Frankie, Ezeabia Prince Chinedu, Ohuhwai Charles. Adudu Nonso, Jude Omonike Akon, Chibuike Nnanna Ife, Bieni Collins, Ebuka Ekechi, Ossai Okey and Chukuma Paul were all arrested based on verified intelligence by the EFCC.

They were picked up at locations in Chiemeké Onochie IV Street, Parkacin and Jonathan Monye Street in the Delta State capital.

Preliminary investigation has established an alleged case of impersonation, possession of fraudulent documents and defrauding unsuspecting foreign nationals against the suspects.

Items recovered from them include, one Lexus RX350 SUV with registration number ASB-436-AM, one Toyota Camry SE with registration number BKW-132-MT, one Lexus RX350 with the registration number KTU-126- FP , one Toyota Corolla with registration number EYC- AMB-3 and one Toyota Venza , land document, several phones, laptops and other incriminating items.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-26-internet-fraud-suspects-in-asaba](#)

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23 SEP 2021

### **Court Sends Kwara Footballer, One Other to Jail in Ilorin for Cybercrime**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin has imposed one-year imprisonment on one of the players of Ibrafix Football Club, Ilorin, Baraye Bamidele Saoban, for offences bordering on love scam.

Baraye, 25, who hails from Ilorin, was jailed alongside one Adaraloye Ezekiel, a native of Osi, Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State, for similar offence.

The duo were prosecuted on separate charges by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The defendants pleaded guilty when the charges were read to them.

Following their pleas, counsel to the EFCC, Rashidat Alao led witnesses in evidence to review the facts of the cases.

The witnesses narrated how actionable intelligence led to the arrest of Baraye and Adaraloye, telling the court that the duo specialized in "Yahoo-Yahoo business".

Items recovered from the defendants at the point of arrest including iPhones, incriminating messages printed from their devices and manager's cheque raised as restitution were tendered and admitted by the court.

Alao urged the court to convict the defendants since there was no contrary evidence to disprove the prosecution's claim against them.

Justice Oyinloye in his judgment on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 said the court was convinced that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt based on the plea of guilt entered by the defendants and the uncontroverted evidence tendered against

them.

The judge sentenced Baraye to a term of one year imprisonment with option of fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira). He also ordered the convicted footballer to forfeit the iPhone recovered from him at the point of arrest as well as the draft of N26,000 (Twenty Six Thousand Naira) which he raised as restitution to his victims to the Federal Government.

In similar vein, Adaraloye bagged a jail term of six months with option of fine of N250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira). The judge also ordered that the manager's cheque of N600,000 (Six Hundred Thousand Naira) which he raised as restitution to his victims as well as the iPhone used in perpetrating the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release contains photos of both 419ers:

[court-sends-kwara-footballer-one-other-to-jail-in-ilorin-for-cybercrime](#)  
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23 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 21 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Umuahia**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested twenty one (21) suspected internet fraudsters in an early morning sting operation in Umuahia, Abia State.

The suspects are: Orji John Chika; Stanley Chukwreka; Torti Nnana; Chukwuebuka Onwuegbu; Anyanwu Emmanuel Gideon; Obioma David; Inadinma Daniel; Ohakwe Joseph; Oburu Emmanuel, Justin Ashiesbu Chinedu and Godwin Onyekwere;

Othere are: Clarenth Chieindu; Ibe Ezewa; Prosper Chimezie; Obinna Iromachi; Anslem Nnamdi; Reality Ezekiel; John Ottah; Prince Chinemerem, Chidozie Obioma and Anderson Nnamdi.

They were arrested without any incident, based on diligent surveillance and verified intelligence on their suspicious internet- related criminal activities.

Items recovered from them are: One( 1) Lexus RS 350 Sports Utility Vehicle; Three(3) Lexus ES 300 cars; one( 1) Toyota Camry car; fifty ( 50) phones of different brands; eight( 8) HP laptops; one( 1) Dell laptop; 15 Airtel SIM cards; 1 international passport; 1 Ford car key; 1 Samsung wrist- watch, 1 headphone and 1 printer.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-21-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-umuahia](#)  
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22 SEP 2021

### **Lagos Prince, One Other Jailed in Ilorin for Cybercrime**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin has imposed a 6-month jail term on one Oyekan Abdulbaqqi Adedoyin, who claimed to be a prince from Kosofe Local Government Area of Lagos State, for offences bordering on cybercrime.

Prince Oyekan, 25, was jailed alongside one Oni Stephen Oluwaferanmi from Ilesha, Osun State.

The duo of Prince Oyekan and Oni were prosecuted on separate charges by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

They pleaded guilty when the charges were read to them.

Upon their pleas, counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, led witnesses to review the facts of the two cases. The witnesses who are operatives of the Commission narrated how the defendants were arrested based on credible intelligence.

The prosecution tendered items recovered from the defendants at the point of arrest including phones, laptops and fraudulent messages printed from the defendants' email addresses, which the court admitted in evidence.

Justice Oyinloye while delivering judgment on the cases on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 said that the court had carefully evaluated all the material evidence placed before it, the plea of guilt and the uncontroverted testimonies of the prosecution witnesses. He held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt

Consequently, he convicted and sentenced the defendants.

The judge sentenced Prince Oyekan to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N150, 000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira). The Court also ordered the forfeiture of his iPhone and a Dell Laptop, which the convict used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, Justice Oyinloye sentenced Oni to one year imprisonment with an option of fine of N350, 000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira). He also ordered the forfeiture of the convict's phone to the Federal Government. In addition, the judge ordered the convict to pay \$775 (Seven Hundred and Seventy Five United States Dollars) as restitution to his victim through the EFCC within 78 hours or risk another six months imprisonment.

[agos-prince-one-other-jailed-in-ilorin-for-cybercrime](#)

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21 SEP 2021

### **Internet Fraud: EFCC Closes Case In Alleged Internet Fraud Trial In Lagos**

The trial of Adesina Ajibola Afeez for his alleged involvement in internet fraud continued on September 21, 2021 before Justice S.S. Ogunsanya of a Lagos State High Court sitting in Ikeja, with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC closing its case.

Afeez is being prosecuted by the EFCC on a one-count charge bordering on obtaining by false pretence contrary to Section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Related Fraud Offences Act No 14 of 2006.

The count reads: "Adesina Ajibola Afeez (alias Villareal Juan Alejandro, Mercy Tomas, Patupat, Kehinde Ige Oluwayemi, Oluwafunmilayo KehindoTaiwo and Oluyemi Lydia Alaide), sometime between October and December 2012, in Lagos within the Ikeja Judicial Division ,with intent to defraud, obtained a total sum of €30,000 (Thirty Thousand Euros) through Western Union and Money Gram from Nahir Majinejad of The Netherlands."

He pleaded "not guilty" to the charge when he was arraigned in 2014, prompting the commencement of his trial.

At the resumed sitting today, the prosecuting counsel, Fadeke Giwa, told the Court that the prosecution was closing its case after calling three witnesses and tendering six exhibits.

Defence counsel, Pedro Tijani, told the Court that the defence intended to apply for a no-case submission.

Justice Ogunsanya, thereafter, adjourned till October 25, 2021 for "hearing of no-case submission"

[internet-fraud-efcc-closes-case-in-alleged-internet-fraud-trial-in-lagos](#)

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21 SEP 2021

### **Herder, Two Others Jailed in Ilorin for Love Scam**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin has sentenced a 33-year-old herder based in Tanzania, Tunde Olagunju and two others to various jail terms for offences bordering on love scam and cybercrime.

The two other convicts are Hassan Gafar Olarewaju, 29, and an Ilorin based bricklayer, Ojo Basit Adewale.

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, September 20, 2021 arraigned the trio on separate charges, to which they pleaded guilty.

Following the plea of guilt entered by the defendants, Aliyu Adebayo who prosecuted for the EFCC in the case against Tunde urged the court to convict and sentence the defendant based on his admittance of guilt and the evidence before it.

In the same vein, Andrew Akoja who represented the Commission in the case against Hassan and Ojo, asked the court to take judicial notice of the guilty plea entered by the defendants as well as the evidence tendered against them in sentencing them.

In his judgment on the cases on Monday, Justice Oyinloye said that he had carefully considered the facts and circumstances of the matter, most especially the charges, the plea of guilt entered by the defendants, evidence tendered without objection and the confessional statements of the defendants.

Justice Oyinloye sentenced Tunde to two years imprisonment with option of fine of N650,000 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) and ordered that the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars) which he benefited from the crime as well as the iPhone used to perpetrate the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Ojo was sentenced to one year imprisonment on count one with option of fine of N250, 000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) and one year on count two with option of fine of N250, 000 ( Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira). According to the judge, the custodial sentences would run concurrently, "but if the convict prefers the option of fine, he shall pay the fine on both counts".

The court also ordered the forfeiture of Ojo's Silver-coloured Toyota Camry Car 2009 Model with registration number LSR 431 GV, which he acquired with the proceed of unlawful activities, Gold iPhone 12 pro and \$200 (Two Hundred United States Dollars) which he benefited from

the crime, to the federal government.

In a similar fashion, Hassan was sentenced to one-year imprisonment with option of fine of N300, 000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira). The convict would in addition, forfeit the iPhone XR recovered from him at the point of arrest to the Federal Government

The press release contains photos of all three 419ers:

[herder-two-others-jailed-in-ilorin-for-love-scam](#)

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20 SEP 2021

### **Court Convicts 17 Internet Fraudsters in Uyo**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, Uyo Zonal Command on Friday 17 September, 2021 secured the conviction of 17 Internet fraudsters before Justice Stephen Daylop Pam of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The convicts are: Valentine Moses Ukong, Ebuka Kelvin Uzokwe, Onedo Elohor Caleb, Godson Lekia Tophie, Achilonu Moses Chidiebere, Monshe Oloko Pius, Samuel Egu Ezeh, Akobo Joseph Chikone, Morayor Jerry Shina and Obioma Joel.

Others are Modey Terrence Akong, Abang Godswill Iyurinyi, Emmanuel Chika, Prosper Okpubeku, Obikwelu Bright Ugochukwu, Enajemo Oghenekaro and Effiong Akaninyene Essien.

The convicts were among 33 suspected internet fraudsters arrested in a sting operation at different locations in Calabar on Thursday September 9, 2021.

They were each convicted after pleading guilty to separate one count of charge that bordered on criminal impersonation and identity theft with intent to obtain property and gain advantage contrary to the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015.

All the defendants with the exception of Godson Tohie and Achilonus Chidiebere bagged six months imprisonment with various options of fine ranging from N50, 000 to N100,000.

The press release includes photos of all 17 419ers:

[court-convicts-17-internet-fraudsters-in-uyo](#)

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17 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 16 Internet Fraud Suspects in Enugu**

Operatives of the Enugu Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested 16 suspected internet fraudsters in three separate sting operations in the Monarch area, New Haven Extension and Castle Majestic Hotel, Ogui Road, Enugu.

The suspects were arrested following verified intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet-related fraud activities. Part of the intelligence indicated that suspected internet fraudsters were operating from Castle Majestic Hotel, Enugu. Based on the

intelligence, and weeks of surveillance, a search warrant was executed on the facility on Thursday September 16, 2021.

In the course of the operation, the operatives encountered a group that identified themselves as members of the National Association of Nigerian students, NANS and Ohaneze Ndi Igbo Youth wing. The leaders of the group duly identified their members and carried on with their activities.

But the target of the sting operation were arrested and brought to the Enugu Zonal Command for questioning.

Among the suspects arrested are: Agbo Paschal, Anthony Ogbu Uzochukwu, Ejiofor, Uchenna Ejiofor Chikora, Ezihe Victor, Nnaji Onyedikachi Christian, Eke Ike, Ogbodo Arinze, Ogbodo Ebube, Ogbu Chinedu, Ossai Chinedu and Udey Ifeanyi.

Some of the items recovered from them include one Lexus ES 350 car with plate number BLF 722 LD, one Yellow Fever travel document, several laptops, mobile phones and other incriminating documents.

The suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-16-internet-fraud-suspects-in-enugu](#)

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16 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 11 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested eleven ( 11) suspected Internet fraudsters in an early morning sting operation.

The suspects: Chidindu Michael; Timothy Emmanuel; Nweke Joseph Jeff; Francis David; Pedro Enuaghanam Nnaemeka; Promise Amesi; David Eke; Michael Okoroaha; David Achi, Justic Arugba and Collins Wedeh, were arrested on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Ozuobo Area, off NTA Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

They were arrested through surveillance and verified intelligence on their suspicious internet- related criminal activities.

Items recovered from them include: one wine- coloured Lexus ES 350 car; six Plasma Television sets; three laptops; ten( 10) mobile phones of different brands; one LG Home Theatre; one black and red Boom Speaker; one Hisense Speaker; one Hisense Sound Bar, 5 Automated Teller Machine ( ATM) cards of different banks and two Apple wrist watches .

The suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-11-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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15 SEP 2021

**Any Bank That Allows Itself to Be Used for Fraud will Be Held Liabile- Bawa**

The Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Abdulrasheed Bawa has reiterated his commitment to sanitize the banking sector saying that any bank which allows itself to be used for fraud or money laundering shall be held liable.

Bawa stated this in a paper entitled, 'Security, Trust and Leadership Effectiveness', presented at the 14th annual Banking and Finance Conference of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) on 14th September, 2021 at Transcorp Hilton Hotel Abuja.

The EFCC boss who was represented by Abiodun Adebajo, Head of Research Unit, Department of Policy, Research and Statistics restated the Commission's determination to ensure that bank officials comply with regulations regarding assets declaration.

He urged financial institutions to embrace transformational leadership and technology which are imperatives for customer security and satisfaction.

"I want to conclude by saying that we must be partners in progress because combating cybercrime requires effective collaboration among relevant public and private institutions, that's why the EFCC will continue to collaborate with the CBN and the banks in ensuring the security and integrity of the financial system using all the laws that empowers us in dealing with cyber threats," he said.

The press release includes a photo:

[any-bank-that-allows-itself-to-be-used-for-fraud-will-be-held-liable-bawa](#)

419 Coalition comment: As with punishing hoteliers who knowingly aid and abet 419ers, we'd suggest jailing a few bankers who do the same might get the attention of the others...

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15 SEP 2021

### **In Ilorin, Aluminum Fabricator, Two Others land in Jail for Love Scam**

An Ilorin based 24-year old Aluminum Fabricator, Adelokun Adedoyinsola Olamide and two others have been sentenced to various jail terms over offences bordering on love scam.

The two others are Omotosho Kudus, 27 and one Arikewuyo Muhammed, 23.

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC prosecuted the three convicts on separate charge before Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

They pleaded guilty to their charge.

Upon their pleas, counsel to the EFCC, Sesan Ola, drew the attention of the court to the plea bargain agreements entered by the defendants, and urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants based on the agreement.

In his Judgment on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Justice Oyinloye said the court had carefully considered the plea of guilt entered by the defendants, the plea bargain agreement and all the uncontroverted exhibits tendered against them and believed that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

The judge sentenced Adelokun to one year imprisonment each on count one and two with option of fine of N250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only) each on the two counts . He ordered that the iPhone 11 which he used to perpetrate the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Oyinloye sentenced Omotosho to one year imprisonment each on count one and two with option of fine of N250, 000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only) on count one and N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira Only) on count two.

The judge also ordered that Omotosho's white Lexus ES 330 saloon car with registration number KWL346BF which he acquired with the proceed of crime and an Apple Macbook Laptop, HP Laptop and iPhone11 pro used to perpetrate the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

By the same token, Arikewuyo bagged one year imprisonment with option of fine of N250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only). The convict will also forfeit a manager's cheque (bank draft) of N162,000 (One Hundred and Sixty Two Thousand Naira Only) which he raised as restitution to his victims as well as the iPhone 11 which he used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release contains photos of all three 419ers:

[in-ilorin-aluminum-fabricator-two-others-land-in-jail-for-love-scam](#)

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14 SEP 2021

### **Cybercrime: EFCC Warns Hoteliers**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has warned hotel owners across the country to be wary of allowing internet fraudsters to congregate or hibernate around their facilities. The Commission gave the warning on Tuesday September 14, 2021 on the heels on an operation by the Ibadan Zonal Command of the agency that led to the arrest of 56 suspected internet fraudsters in Abeokuta, Ogun state.

The suspects include: Garfar Olamide Taiwo, Fadimaye Habeeb, Badmus Idris, Samuel Victor, Seun Fuad, Alli Isaac, Oyeleke Mubarak, Bolu Soetan, Koleosho Eniola, Saheed Abidemi, Olaewe Tosin, Ayedun Idowu, Oniyitan Ayomide, Akinlabi Precious, Gbadebo Sultan, Adeyemi Habeeb, Balogun Hassan, Sulaimon Ayub Damilare, Akinsola Usman.

Others are; Ajibola Femi Sodiya, Ridwan Alani, Olusesi Lanre, Eniatimo Oludare, Taiwo Opeyemi, Akindele Kabiru Johnson Hammed, Idowu Gabriel, Adekanmi Adejumo, Peter Babatunde, Okeowo Sunday, Abudu Habeeb, Sabair Rasaq, Ademuyiwa Basit, Toriola Opeyemi, Babayode Abiola, Agbaje Habeeb, Sorinola Oluwatobiloba, Abiodun Elegbede, Kayode Daniel ,Lawal Alabi, Oyewole Korede, Aberuagba Gafar, Adekunle Emmanuel, Okunade Azeez, and Ojediran Sodiq.

They were apprehended at their hideouts which happened to be popular hotels in the ancient city. The operation which was based on verified intelligence backed by weeks of surveillance was nearly frustrated by the hotel owners who employed various antics, including shutting down power supply, to enable some of the suspects to escape arrest.

Despite the lack of cooperation by the hotel owners, the operatives demonstrated professionalism in ensuring that no one was hurt nor property damaged during the operations, contrary to the narrative in a section of the media.

Nevertheless, the action of the hoteliers amounts to deliberate sabotage and obstruction of law enforcement officers, an offence punishable by Section 38 (2) (b) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004.

The Commission has observed a worrying pattern of cold complicity by hospitality entrepreneurs who appear to be hands-in-gloves with suspected fraudsters by housing them over long spells and making internet facilities available to them.

While the argument is being made in certain quarters that hoteliers as business people have no means of determining who a fraudster is before allowing them to lodge in their facilities that position runs counter to the law.

Section 3 of the Advance Fee Fraud And Other Related Offences Act, 2006 provides for a prison term of between five and 15 years without option of fine for any person who permits his premises to be used for any offence under the Act.

EFCC will therefore not tolerate situations where hotel owners or managers not only permit fraudsters to use their facilities but also deliberately shield them from arrest by frustrating law enforcement on such premises.

If the hoteliers are not enablers of the alleged crimes, as some have demonstrated by offering information to the Commission, they are under obligation to cooperate with law enforcement officers carrying out their lawful duties. To act otherwise would tantamount to willingly becoming enablers to fraud.

Meanwhile, ten exotic cars, dozens of mobile phones, laptops and several incriminating documents were recovered from the suspected fraudsters arrested in Abeokuta.

They will be arraigned in court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[cybercrime-efcc-warns-hoteliers](#)

419 Coalition comment: Now that the hoteliers have been warned, throwing a few of the owners and managers in jail when applicable could get the attention of the others, so we'd recommend that course of action.

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14 SEP 2021

### **Two Students Imprisoned in Ilorin, Lose Cars to FG for Cybercrime**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin has sentenced two final year students of two tertiary institutions in Ilorin to various jail terms for offences bordering on cybercrime.

The convicts are Oyewale Wasiu Adetunji and Adebayo Ibrahim Abiodun, who are students of Kwara State University, KWASU, Molete and Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, respectively.

Also convicted alongside Oyewale and Adebayo was one Saheed Sikirullahi, who claimed to be a former student of Kwara Polytechnic, Ilorin.

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC prosecuted the three convicts on separate charges.

The convicts during trial pleaded guilty to their charge.

Innocent Mbachie prosecuted for the EFCC in the case against Oyewale and Saheed, while Rasheedat Alao represented the Commission in the case against Adebayo.

The two counsel urged the court to adopt the plea bargain agreements and sentence the defendants.

Delivering judgment on the cases on Monday September 13, Justice Oyinloye said that, he took cognizance of the plea of guilt entered by the defendants, the exhibits tendered without objection by the defence and held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

Consequently, the court sentenced Oyewale to one year imprisonment with option of fine of N500, 000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira only). In addition, the court ordered the forfeiture of his black Toyota Corolla Car with registration number RSH272BF ABUJA, which he acquired with proceeds of unlawful activities. Also forfeited was the convict's Purple Samsung S10 and Black iPhone XR, which he used as instruments in perpetrating the crime.

Similarly, Justice Oyinloye sentenced Adebayo to one year imprisonment with option of N500, 000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira only) fine. The court also ordered the forfeiture of the convict's Black Toyota Camry Car, 2007 model, with registration number FST 764 GT, which he acquired with proceeds of crime. Also forfeited to the Federal Government were the convict's HP Pavilion Laptop and Gold Apple iPhone 11 Promax, which he used to perpetrate the crime. The court also ordered the forfeiture of the Manager's Cheque of N400, 000 (Four Hundred Thousand Naira) which the convict raised as restitution to his victims.

In a similar fashion, Saheed bagged one year imprisonment with option of fine of N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only). In addition, the court ordered that the sum of \$450 (Four Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) which he benefited from the crime as well as his iPhone 11 Promax be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of the 419ers:

[two-students-imprisoned-in-ilorin-lose-cars-to-fg-for-cybercrime](#)

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13 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 31 Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Benin City**

Operatives of the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Sunday, September 12, 2021 arrested 31 suspected internet fraudsters. The suspects were arrested in two separate locations in Benin City sequel to actionable intelligence.

Among those arrested are suspected fraudsters who, a few weeks ago, were seen in a viral video standing on top of their cars and throwing bundles of Naira notes into the air at a popular Plaza in Benin City. They had embarked on a similar mission at the same venue on Sunday before they were intercepted by operatives of the Commission at the exit gate.

The other suspects were arrested at their hideout in Benin City.

Those arrested are Essien Sunday, Joseph Nwosu, Samuel Victor, Abdurahman Abudulahi, Uwaifo Destiny, Osaro Osarere, Favour Oleye, Smart Okunvobo, Oduwa Osahon, Osaretin Blessed, Frank Osas, Aisosa Kelly, Richard Ehigie, Destiny Omoru, Jacob Kelvin, Aker Kelly, Promise Godspower, Lucky Dickson and Osamode Efosa.

Others are Osamuyi Aigbe-Egharevba, Ohumumwen Osaremen, Christopher Momodu, Aigbe Destiny, Eti-osa Osamwonyi, Patrick Benson Osaguna, Victor Kenyei, Marvellous Atiti, Gift Ebuehi, Osayi Casmir, Osahenkho Godstime and Paul Okoh.

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest include 13 exotic cars, including: Lexus ES 350, Lexus 350, Lexus RX 350, Lexus ES 350, Lexus RX 350, Lexus RX 350, Lexus IS 350, Toyota Venza, Mercedes C300, Mercedes ML350, Range Rover Evoque, GLK 350 4Matic and Toyota Camry. Other items are laptop computers, phones, documents and identity cards.

The suspects have made useful statement and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are completed

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-31-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-benin-city](#)

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10 SEP 2021

### **Court Convicts Three For \$10,000 Internet Fraud in Uyo**

The Uyo Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, has secured the conviction of Prosper Idongesit Mfon (alias Steve Wagner), Edidiong Akpan Udoyen (aka Janet Franklin) and Warri Poweide Joshua (alias Joyce Martins), before Justice Stephen Dal Yop Pam of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Rivers State for offences bordering on internet fraud.

The convicts were arrested on August 23, 2021 within Osong Ama area of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, for their involvement in internet fraud. While Prosper Idongesit Mfon falsely presented himself as Steve Wagner and succeeded in defrauding his victims to the tune of \$4000. Edidiong Udoyen posed as Janet Franklin, a female American who teaches Crypto Currency online with intent to defraud.

Warri Poweide defrauded his victim of the sum of \$6000.

The trio, who were arraigned on Thursday September 9, 2021, pleaded guilty to separate one count charge bordering on cybercrimes. In view of their pleas, the prosecuting counsel Adebayo Soares prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly.

But the defence counsel Udeme Tom pleaded for leniency for the defendants by the Court.

Justice Pam convicted and sentenced all the defendants to three months imprisonment with option of N50, 000 each.

Prosper Idongesit was ordered to forfeit the following items to the Federal Government: iPhone 11, iPhone 12, Infinix phone, one HP laptop and a Flash Drive. He is also to retribute the sum of Four Thousand United States Dollars (\$4000) to his victim.

Udoyen and Warri Powede are to retribute their victims in the sums of Three Hundred United States Dollars (\$300) and Three Thousand United States Dollars (\$3000) respectively; while Powede also forfeits One HP laptop, one OUKITEC device 1P-68 waterproof mobile phone, iPhone Pro, Macbook Air laptop and a Toyota Avalon with registration number NGD 126 AE to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-convicts-three-for-10-000-internet-fraud-in-uyo](#)

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10 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 33 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Calabar**

The Uyo Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, on Thursday September 9, 2021 arrested thirty three (33) suspected internet fraudsters during a sting operation at different locations in Calabar, Cross River state.

Seventeen of the arrested suspects were picked up at a location on Post Office Street, Royal Estate, off Ekot Onin, while ten (10) were apprehended at No.1 Marian Owan by Lemena junction. The other six suspects were arrested at Parliamentary Extension, Calabar.

The suspects aged between 22 - 35 years are: Modey Terrence Akong, Detoo Bem Daniel, Godson Topbie, Moses Valentine Nkpung, Idang Confidence, Chinagorom Edward, Enwereuzo Chidiebere, Obioma ThankGod, Richard Reinhard, Clinton Christopher, Raymond Samuel, Etim Paul, Okechukwu Caleb and Joseph Akobo.

Others are Morayo Jerry, Ogar Jemyford, Emmanuel Chika, Okpubeku Prosper, Onedo Caleb, Enajemo Oghenekaro, Great Asume, Ebuka Uzokwe, Obikwele Ugochukwu, Oloko Pius Monshe, Gideon Ani, Effiong Akaninyene, Agoh Oscar, Agu Favour, Abang Godswill, Amalam Micheal, Luka Kaben, Ifeanyi Enwereuzo and Achilonu Moses.

At the point of arrest, several laptops and mobile phones were recovered from the suspects. Also recovered from them are three Lexus saloon cars with registration numbers: LAGOS - AKD 56 FQ, ABUJA- KUJ 79 BM and IMO - UMG 956 KU; a Toyota Camry and a Honda Accord with registration numbers LAGOS - APP 368FY and OYO - BDJ 476AQ respectively.

The arrested suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-33-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-calabar](#)

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9 SEP 2021

### **Court Convicts Kaduna Undergraduate Over Fake Dubai 'Runs'**

Justice Hannatu A.L Balogun of Kaduna State High Court sitting in Kaduna today, September 9, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Nehemiah Joel to four months in prison on a one count charge of cybercrime.

His journey to prison began when he decided to pose in the social media as a female prostitute based in Dubai, United Arab Emirate, to defraud unsuspecting victims, mostly middle aged men after assuming the identity of one Chloe Adler, a white hooker. Part of his gimmick was to request for payment for his services upfront before meeting with his clients.

Count one of the charge reads that you: Nehemiah Joel (M), sometime in August, 2021 at Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court attempted to commit an offence and in such attempt did a certain act towards the commission of the said offence, to wit; falsely presented

yourself as Chloe Adler; a female prostitute living in Dubai to innocent victims living in Dubai in order to cheat them and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 308 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law of 2017 and punishable under section 309 of the same Law.

He pleaded guilty to the charge, prompting the prosecution counsel, M.E Eimonye, to ask the court to convict the defendant accordingly.

However, the defence counsel, O.O Jeremiah urged the court to temper justice with mercy as the defendant is a student and first-time offender who has shown remorse for his actions.

Justice Balogun, convicted the defendant to a fine of N60, 000.00 (Sixty Thousand Naira) or four months imprisonment.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-convicts-kaduna-undergraduate-over-fake-dubai-runs](#)

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9 SEP 2021

### **Court Jails Two Undergraduates in Ilorin over Cybercrime**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of two undergraduates - Olamilekan Ezekiel Adebayo and Ibrahim Najeeb Omotosho, both students of Kwara State University, Kwasu, Molete and Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, respectively over offences bordering on cybercrime.

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court, sitting in Ilorin, found the two students guilty after they pleaded guilty to their separate charge.

The charge against Ibrahim reads: "That you, Ibrahim Najeeb Omotosho (Alias Tony Carpenter) on or about the 30th day of April 2021, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did cheat by personation by pretending to be one Tony Carpenter, a white male and citizen of United State of America with email account cap170211960@gmail.com to obtain iPhone 12 Pro from one Jennylynn Ostman under the pretence that you were in love with her and thereby committed an Offence Contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code Law".

Particulars of the charge against Olamilekan reads: "That you, Olamilekan Ezekiel Adebayo (Alias Deborah Amanda) sometime in July 2021, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did Cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Deborah Amanda with email account deborahamanda026@gmail.com@gmail.com and in that guise induced one laboiran Dixon to part with the sum of \$200 (Two Hundred USD) via a Zelle Account and thereby committed an Offence Contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishment under section 324 of the same Penal Code Law".

Counsel to the EFCC, Innocent Mbachie urged the court to pronounce the defendants guilty and sentence them based on their admittance of guilt and the evidence tendered against them.

Delivering judgment on the two cases on Wednesday, Justice Oyinloye said the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and sentenced Olamilekan to one year imprisonment with option of fine of N100,0 00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira Only).

He ordered that the sum of \$200 (Two Hundred USD) which he raised as restitution be forfeited to the victim through the Federal Government. The judge also ordered the forfeiture of Samsung phone, the instrumentality

of crime, recovered in the course of investigation.

Similarly the court sentenced Ibrahim to one year imprisonment with option of fine of N500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira Only). The convict was also ordered to forfeit the iPhone 12 pro which he benefited from the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release has photos of both 419ers:

[court-jails-two-undergraduates-in-ilorin-over-cybercrime](#)

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8 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Siblings for N55m Medical Charity Scam**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arraigned the duo of Michael Yusuf Michael and Martha Daniel Yusuf, both siblings, before Justice Hannnatu A.L Balogun on an eight count charge bordering on obtaining by false pretence.

The defendants allegedly floated an unregistered medical and empowerment Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) through which they solicited for donations from members of the public in the social media, ostensibly to assist persons suffering from cancer but diverted the proceeds to their personal use.

Investigation reveals that Michael who poses as the founder/CEO of the NGO, opened a Facebook page with profile name: MYM123 Care, with contact phone No: 080133715151, email address: comedianmym76@gmail.com.

On the 22nd March, 2021 he posted a video of a woman suffering from breast cancer and sought donations for her medical treatment from kind-hearted persons through one of their bank accounts with the account name, MYM123care.

Contributions into the account either through bank transfers or cash lodgments ran into millions of Naira. The defendants instead of using the money to assist the cancer patient, diverted the funds.

One of the charges reads, "that you Michael Yusuf Michael, Martha Daniel Yusuf, Ali Felix (at large), Samuel Kabir Daniel ( at large), KITE ICT HUB LIMITED and Femi Obasaju ( at large) sometime between the months of March and July, 2021 in Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud conspired amongst yourselves to obtain a total sum of N 55,879,379.76 ( Fifty-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Naira, Seventy- Six Kobo Only) from the general public under the pretense that it was only to be used for the treatment of ailing persons and cancer patients, which pretense you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 8 (a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act".

The defendants pleaded not guilty to charges brought against them. Consequently, the Prosecution Counsel M.E Eimonye urged the court to fix a date for trial to commence. But the defence counsel, Frank Ateregeme urged the court to admit his clients to bail.

Justice Balogun however refused the 1st defendant (Micheal) bail on the grounds that he had not placed sufficient materials before the court to guarantee that he will not jump bail or tamper with the evidence and witnesses in the case, as several of his accomplices

are still at large.

The Court ordered him remanded in the custody of Nigerian Correctional Service, Kaduna, while the 2nd defendant, Martha, who is pregnant, was released to a surety of means.

The press release includes a photo of each sibling:

[efcc-arraigns-siblings-for-n55m-medical-charity-scam](#)

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7 SEP 2021

### **Court Convicts Man of Cybercrime**

Justice Hannatu A.L Balogun of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna on Monday September 6, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Innocent Arzuka to four months imprisonment on a four count charge that bordered on cheating by impersonation.

The convict was arrested in a sting operation following intelligence on his alleged involvement in cybercrime.

Investigation revealed that he fraudulently hacked into the Facebook accounts of unsuspecting persons, and used the accounts, after editing them to suit his requirements, to prospect for would-be victims of his fraud schemes.

One of the charges brought against him reads: "that you Innocent Arzuka (M) between January to August, 2021 at Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, attempted to commit an offence and in such attempt did a certain act towards the Commission of the said offence, to wit: falsely presented yourself as Flizzy Xi ( a woman) in order to cheat Innocent victims and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 308 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law of Law of 2017 and punishable under Section 309 of the same Law".

He pleaded guilty to the charges.

Based on his plea, the prosecution counsel, M. E Eimonye urged the Court to convict the defendant accordingly.

Justice Balogun consequently convicted and sentenced the defendant to 4 months imprisonment with an option of N 100,000 fine.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-convicts-man-of-cybercrime](#)

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7 SEP 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Alleged Fraudster who Duped Malaysian in Love Scam**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Kaduna Zonal Command has arraigned one Alyassau Muhammad before Justice Hannatu A.L Balogun on a two count charge bordering on obtaining money by false pretence.

Alyassau was arrested following intelligence on his alleged fraudulent activities on the internet. He allegedly posed as a female Malaysian

to induce one Nor Rahem to send money in tranches of foreign currencies into his nominated account 154110205463 in Maybank with account name Hafizan Hamid, on the pretext that they were in a romantic relationship.

Investigation reveals that the defendant had three different active Malaysian WhatsApp numbers in his phones which were also linked to a telegram group dominated by Malaysians. It was in the group that he scouts for would-be victims.

Count one of the charge reads, "That you, Alyassau Muhammad, (M) between May and August, 2021 in Kaduna, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, obtained the total sum of RM 16, 300.00 (Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Malaysian Ringgit) only from one Nor Rahem Mohd Jani when you falsely presented yourself as one Lady Aisha ( a Muslim White Lady) and claimed to be in love with him, which 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".

He pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges. In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, M.E Eimonye urged the Court to fix a date for the commencement of trial. But the defence counsel, Abdulhakeem Audu moved an application for the bail of his client.

Justice Balogun granted bail to the defendant in the sum of N2 million and two sureties in like sum. One of the sureties must be a civil servant in Kaduna State with a valid means of identification, while the other must have a landed property in Kaduna

The case was adjourned till September 29, 2021 for hearing.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arraigns-alleged-fraudster-who-duped-malaysian-in-love-scam](#)

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6 SEP 2021

## **Two Convicted of Internet Fraud in Makurdi**

The Makurdi Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday September 2, 2021 secured the conviction of the duo of Damisa Gideon (aka Captain Kim Lee), and Deborah Okiemute for offences bordering on impersonation and internet fraud.

Justice Obiora Atuegwu Egwuatu of the Federal High Court, sitting in Abuja convicted and sentenced the defendants to various jail terms, having found them guilty of the separate charges brought against them by the Commission.

The charge against Damisa reads. "That you, Damisa Gideon (aka Captain Kim Lee) sometime in May, 2020 at Makurdi, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one Kim Lee of the US Army Air Force Base from California via your email, kimlee9065@gmail.com and obtained the sum of Eleven Million Naira (N11,000,000.00) only, from one Kim Soo Yeon (A Chinese Citizen) and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (iv) of the same Act".

The charge against Deborah reads: "That you, Deborah Okiemute, sometime in November 2020, at Makurdi, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did by concealment retain the control of the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy One Thousand Naira (N471,000.00) only, in account No. 0102333502, domiciled in Access Bank Plc belonging to you, being the proceeds of a criminal conduct

on behalf of one Nelson Irobo, knowing that the money is as a result of criminal conduct by the said Nelson Irobo and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 17(a) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 and punishable under Section 17(b) of the same Act".

The defendants pleaded 'guilty' to their respective charges.

Following their pleas, the prosecuting counsel, Mary Onoja, reviewed the facts of the cases and tendered documents printed from their email addresses, iPhones and laptops, as well as their statements, which were admitted in evidence.

Delivering judgment, Justice Obiora said "from the totality of the evidence placed before the Court, the plea of guilt entered by the defendants as well as their statements where they confessed to the crime, the Court believes that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

The judge after pronouncing the two guilty, sentenced Damisa Gideon to one year imprisonment with option of fine of N500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira Only).

The convict is to forfeit his white-coloured Mercedes Benz GLK 350 with registration number ABJ 338 DB and VIN No. WDCG8HBP3AF357583 valued at N10 Million Naira to the Federal Government of Nigeria. The said vehicle shall be sold through public auction by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and the proceeds paid into the coffers of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Similarly, Deborah Okiemute was sentenced to three year imprisonment with an option of fine of N100, 000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) Only.

The press release includes several photos:

[two-convicted-of-internet-fraud-in-makurdi](#)

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5 SEP 2021

### **Cybercrime: Varsity Student Jailed One Year, Loses Lexus Car To FG**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Friday, September 3, 2021 sentenced one Adigun Oladapo Oludele, a final year student of the University of Ilorin, to one year imprisonment for offences bordering on internet fraud.

The court also ordered that the sum of N158,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Eight Thousand Naira) domiciled in the convict's GTB account that was found to be proceed of unlawful transactions as well as his Lexus IS250 with registration number KJA 141 GU Lagos be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Also forfeited to the Federal Government were the convict's iPhone 12, iPhone 7, Apple watch and 2 laptops, which were recovered from him at the point of arrest.

Adigun, 25, was prosecuted on two counts by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

He fraudulently obtained the sum of \$6,3280.00 (Six Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Eight United States Dollars) as benefit from the Ohio Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Portal of the United States of America.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Adigun Oladapo Oludele and one Ganiu Samson (at large) sometime between December 2020 and June, 2021 at Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud

did cheat by personation via the Ohio Pandemic Unemployment Assistance portal, U.S.A for which \$6, 328.00 was paid as benefits and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law."

The Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, urged the court to convict the defendant. The defence counsel, T.A Hammed, did not oppose this position.

In his judgment, Justice Oyinloye said, "This Honourable Court have not seen any reason why the defendant should not be convicted as the prosecution has placed enough materials before the court to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt".

The judge consequently pronounced Adigun guilty and sentenced him to one year imprisonment with option of fine of N250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira).

The press release includes a photo:

[cybercrime-varsity-student-jailed-one-year-loses-lexus-car-to-fg](#)  
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3 SEP 2021

### **Lekki Now Hotbed of Cyber Crime – EFCC 402 suspects arrested in three months**

Lekki, the fast-developing upper middle class area of Lagos Metropolis, is emerging as the new hub of internet-related fraud. Data from the investigation activities of the Lagos Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, for the second quarter of 2021, indicates that Lekki District is the preferred location for all manner of cyber fraud syndicates.

Between April and June, 2021, the Advance Fee Fraud and Cyber Crime Sections of the Command recorded a total of 402 internet-related fraud arrests. While the Advance Fee Fraud Section was responsible for 243 arrests, the Cyber Crime Section executed 18 sting operations which resulted in 159 arrests, from which 13 convictions have so far been recorded.

Of the 159 suspects arrested by the Cyber Crime Section, 70 are from Lekki, comprising communities such as Ajah, Badore, Victoria Garden City, Sangotedo and Oniru.

Ajah accounted for 24 suspects, while Oniru and Sangotedo had 14 and 13 suspects respectively. Badore had 8 suspects. Neighbouring Ikoyi and Eko Atlantic had 2 and one suspect each. Ikorodu and Alagbado on the Lagos Mainland make up the remainder.

The suspects are mostly millennials, with 82 of them aged between 25-34 years, which speaks to the fact that most of the individuals arrested are either still in school, recent graduates or university drop outs.

Analysis of the data from the Cyber Crime Section further shows that the dominant form of internet crime is Dating Scam/Online Dating Scam/Romance Scam. Sixty Four percent (64%) of individuals arrested are involved in romance scam, followed closely by "Middle Man Scam" and "Picking" which account for 8% and 7% respectively

of those arrested.

The 64% involved in the dating scam benefitted to the tune of N8, 310,000; \$349,290 USD; £ 900; €10 and Cryptocurrency 0.17513.

Other typologies of fraud identified include forgery, possession of fraudulent documents, spamming, credit card fraud, impersonation, rental scam, loan fraud, Business Email Compromise, Hacking, stealing, cheque scam, phishing, and money laundering.

The data also reveals gift cards, at 39%, as the prevalent method employed by the suspects to access their illicit funds. It is followed by bank transfers at 27% and Cryptocurrency at 21%.

A total of \$12, 512.49USD was recovered from the e-wallet accounts of four suspects within the period.

[lekki-now-hotbed-of-cyber-crime-efcc-402-suspects-arrested-in-three-months](#)

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2 SEP 2021

### **Offa Poly Student to Spend One Year in Jail over Cybercrime**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Thursday, September 2, 2021 sentenced one Olaleye Rosheed, a student of Federal Polytechnic, Offa, to one year imprisonment over offences bordering on attempted cheating and internet fraud.

Olaleye, 21, was prosecuted on one count by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The charge reads: "That you, Olaleye Rosheed (Christiana Lopez) sometime in January, 2021 at Ilorin, Kwara State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court pretended to be one Christiana Lopez, a white female with a gmail account, christianalopez105@gmail.com, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code".

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him.

Following his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sesan Ola, reviewed the facts of the case through an operative of the EFCC. The witness narrated how intelligence report led to the arrest of the defendant on July 24, 2021.

Several fraudulent messages printed from Olaleye's email including the iphone recovered from him at the point of arrest were tendered and admitted in evidence.

In his judgment, Justice Oyinloye said "I have carefully considered the facts and circumstances of this case, most especially the lone count charge, the plea of guilt entered by the defendant, his extra-judicial statements and unchallenged testimonies of the sole Prosecution Witness".

He further said, 'this Honourable Court holds the view that the prosecution has succeeded in proving its case beyond reasonable doubt. This court finds the defendant guilty of the allegation levelled against him and he is hereby convicted.'

Justice Oyinloye sentenced the convict to one year imprisonment with an option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) while the iPhone recovered from him was forfeited to the Federal

Government.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[offa-poly-student-to-spend-one-year-in-jail-over-cybercrime](#)

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31 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 15 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested 15 suspected internet fraudsters in a sting operation.

They were arrested on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at different locations in Aba, Abia State. Specifically, the suspects were arrested at No. 214b, Aba-Owerri Road and Cherubim Owo Osisioma and Intercontinental by Nwanyi Motors, Umuode Osisioma, Aba, Abia State following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects are: Ezekiel Udo; Anyanwu Odinakachi; Emeka Agu; Lawrence Chinaza Michael; Ifeanyi Okorie; Nestor Akobunu; Frank Ogu; Ezekiel Samuel Uche; Inegbu Onyema Uche; Azukaogi Ogiegbe; Okoro Uchechukwu; Victor Ehiudo; John Chiemela, Lucky Nwoko and Ugochukwu Emmanuel Okafor.

They were arrested alongside three (3) vehicles: Lexus RX350 Sports Utility Vehicle, GLK Benz SUV and Lexus ES330 SUV. Others are: forty three (43) phones of different brands and models; seven (7) walkie talkies; two (2) digital cameras, eight (8) laptops and three (3) iPhone wrist watches.

The matter will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-15-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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31 AUG 2021

### **Kwara Poly Student, One Other Convicted of Cybercrime**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday August 31, 2021 secured the conviction one Oyadiji Temitope Ridwan, a student of Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, and one Asimiyu Idris over offences bordering on personation and internet fraud.

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin convicted and sentenced the defendants to various jail terms, having found them guilty of the separate charges levelled against them by the anti-graft agency.

The charge against Oyadiji reads:

"That you, Oyadiji Temitope Ridwan, (Alias Dave Sayer) sometime in March, 2021 at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Dave Sayer, a white male, vide your WhatsApp application with your number +1915209228 and in that guise communicated with

one Danny Coffman whom you induced to part with property to with: \$750 vide gift cards, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code"

The particulars of count two of the charge against Asimiyu read:

"That you, Asimiyu Idris, (Alias Nicky Pearl), sometime between June and July, 2021 at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Nicky Pearl vide your facebook account and in that guise communicated with one Martin Stone whom you induced to part with property to wit: gross sum of \$400 (Four Hundred US Dollars) vide Amazon Gift Cards, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 234 of the same Penal Code".

The defendants pleaded guilty to their charges.

Following their pleas, Prosecuting Counsel, Andrew Akoja, reviewed the facts of the cases through the EFCC witnesses. The witnesses who are operatives of the Commission narrated how intelligence led to the arrest of the defendants. According to the witnesses, the defendants admitted committing the crime and volunteered statement during investigation.

Fraudulent messages printed from their email addresses, iPhones and laptop and the extra-judicial statements made by the defendants were tendered and admitted in evidence.

Delivering judgment on the cases, Justice Oyinloye said "from the totality of the evidence placed before the court, the plea of guilt entered by the defendants as well as the extra-judicial statements where they confessed to the crime, the court believes that prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt".

The judge after pronouncing the two guilty, sentenced Oyadiji to one year imprisonment with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) while the iPhone, laptop and bank draft of N309,000 (Three Hundred and Nine Thousand Naira Only) which he raised as restitution were forfeited to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Asimiyu was sentenced to one year imprisonment on count one with option of fine of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira Only) and one year imprisonment on count two with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only)

The court also ordered the forfeiture of convict's iPhone to the Federal Government. He was also ordered to reconstitute the sum of \$470 (Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars) which he benefited from the crime to his victim through the EFCC.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[kwara-poly-student-one-other-convicted-of-cybercrime](#)

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31 AUG 2021

### **Court Jails 10 Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

The Abuja Zonal Command of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, August 30, 2021 arraigned and secured the conviction and sentencing

of 10 internet fraudsters to various prison terms. The convicts: Ulukpo Victor Obokparo, Osondu Stanley, Habib Iko-Ojo, Precious Ani, Emmanuel Philip Ikpan, Umar Farouk Mohammed, Israel Kue, Kingsley Mathew, Ibrahim Oyolade and Taiwo Samuel, were prosecuted before Justice Hamza Mu'azu of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Abuja for offences bordering on cheating, misrepresentation, romance scam, obtaining by false pretenses and defrauding foreigners via internet.

They pleaded guilty to their respective charges.

One of the charges reads: "that you Ulukpo Victor Obokparo on or about the 25th day of June, 2021 within the jurisdiction of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja while representing yourself as one Williams Brandon, an Engineer from New Jersey, USA through the means of an email address williambrandon309@gmail.com carried out an illegal act to wit: inducing the duo of Helen Isean and Ida Connor of USA to deliver to you the sum of \$5000 (Five Thousand USD) and you thereby committed the offence of cheating contrary to the provisions of Section 320 (b) of the Penal Code Act, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (Abuja), 1990 and punishable under Section 322 of the same Act".

Following their guilty pleas, Justice Mu'azu sentenced them to prison terms, ranging between 3 to 6 months, with option of fine of N20, 000 to N100,000.

In addition, the Court ordered the forfeiture of proceeds and instrumentalities used in committing the crimes to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of 7 of the 419ers:

[court-jails-10-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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26 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Man for Allegedly Obtaining N38m from Internet Fraud Suspects**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Command, have arrested one Ladeji Kelvin Babatunde for allegedly obtaining over N38,000,000.00 (Thirty-eight Million Naira) from suspected internet fraudsters in order to prevent their arrest by the Commission.

The defendant allegedly impersonated officers of the Commission and obtained the sum of money by false pretence from the suspected cybercriminals.

Upon his arrest, a four-bedroom uncompleted apartment located at Ikola Road, Alagbado, Lagos, which was developed with the proceeds of the perpetrated fraud, was recovered from him.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-man-for-allegedly-obtaining-n38m-from-internet-fraud-suspects](#)

419 Coalition Note: Not really 419, but we thought this was an interesting development.

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26 AUG 2021

### **Son, Mother Three Others Convicted of internet Fraud in Kaduna**

A syndicate of internet fraudsters comprising a son, mother and three others were today August 26, 2021 convicted and sentenced to various jail terms by Justice Hannatu A.L Balogun of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna, after pleading guilty to separate one count charge that borders on cheating by impersonation, concealment of stolen item, aiding and abetting.

The convicts are Israel Justin, Lucky Ebhogie, Precious Iwuji, Margaret Sylvester and Richman Kas Godwin.

Based on their pleas, Justice Balogun sentenced Israel Justin, Lucky Ebhogie and Richman Kas Godwin to 6 months imprisonment each without option of fine. They are also to forfeit all items recovered from them, which are believed to be proceeds of crime.

Aside from the prison terms, the court ordered Lucky and Richman to restitute their victims the sum of \$7500 and \$1200 respectively, while the iPhone 11 Pro recovered from Richman is to be sold and the value restituted to the victim. The monies are to be handed over to the victims through the American Embassy by the EFCC.

The two other convicts, Precious and Margaret were sentenced to a fine of N 150,000 each. Failure to pay the said fine, they shall be committed to prison for a term of 6 months each.

The sum of N7, 000,000 given to Margaret by Lucky to conceal, was ordered forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of all 5 419ers:

[son-mother-three-others-convicted-of-internet-fraud-in-kaduna](#)

Scroll down to our 20 and 11 AUG 2021 News for previous press releases on these alleged 419ers.

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25 AUG 2021

### **Court Sends Undergraduate to Jail for Lottery Scam**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 secured the conviction of one Udoh Sunday Okon for offences bordering on Facebook lottery scam.

Udoh, an undergraduate, allegedly defrauded an American, Kimberly, to the tune of \$500USD via Facebook lottery.

The 20-year-old Akwa Ibom indigene was prosecuted on one-count charge, to which he pleaded guilty.

The charge reads: "That you, Udoh Sunday Okon (Christopher Wray) sometime in March 2021 at Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Christopher Wray a white male with +18315088635 as your WhatsApp business line and fraudulently deceived Kimberly, an American, to send \$500.00 ( Five Hundred United States Dollars) worth of Ebay gift card to you after you made him believe that he won \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars) Facebook Lottery and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code."

Following his plea, Sesan Ola, counsel to the EFCC, urged the court to convict the defendant and sentence him based on his plea and the evidence tendered before the court.

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin pronounced the defendant guilty of the offence and sentenced him to a term of one year in prison.

The judge, however, gave the convict an option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only).

In addition, the court ordered the forfeiture of N206, 000 draft raised as restitution by the convict and the iPhone which he used in perpetrating the crime to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-sends-undergraduate-to-jail-for-lottery-scam](#)

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25 AUG 2021

### **Court Sends 27 Fraudsters, Three Others to Jail in Port Harcourt**

It was a harvest of convictions for the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday August 25, 2021 as 27 fraudsters and three others were convicted and sentenced to jail by Justice A.T. Mohammed of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The three others were convicted for perversion of justice.

The convicted Internet fraudsters were arraigned separately on one count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences.

They are: Okei Morrison Onome, Ejiro Nwaju, Oki Alex Efe, Omoghene Gift, Collins Odinaka, Onyue Martins Ifeanyi, Azubuike Christian, Achiever Effiong, Adeniyi Michael Femi, Eze John Paul, Akinayomide James, Adejube Isaac Oluwadunsin, Isaac Phillip, Ibrahim Olalekan Olagoke and Paul Obinna Thomas.

Others are Damilola Michael, Umoru Mosuru, Dotun Ogunboye Olaleye, Adekunle Joshua, Elliot Igunbor, Ezomo Junior, David Oluwatobi, Ereoman Emmanuel, Oyetunde Victor Temitope, Nurudeen Abiodun Imole and Adeboye Victor.

The charge against one of them reads: "That you Adebuje Isaac Oluwadunsin on the 5th day of August, 2021 at Ondo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of one Michelle Orton a (white woman) and citizens of the United States of America in your Samsung S8 and email address cryptohackweb@gmail.com to gain advantage for yourself and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(iv) of the same Act".

Three Sureties who were arraigned for perversion of justice are Lewis Ogenkhene, Ughoshe Adolphus and Osazuwa Efosa Robertson.

The charge against Ogenkhene reads: "That you Lewis Ogenkhene (m) on or about the 15th day of September, 2020 in Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court did knowingly make a false statement to Detective Ajisafe Wasiu an officer of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission in the course of the exercise of the duties of his office which statement is untrue in any material particular and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 39(2)(a) of the Economic and Financial Crimes

Commission (Establishment) Act 2004 and punishable under Section 39(2)(b) of the same Act".

All the defendants pleaded guilty to the charges when they were read to them.

The prosecution counsel, Francis Jirbo, Austin Ozigbu and Ibrahim Mohammed prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly.

Justice Mohammed convicted and sentenced the quartet of Imole, Olagoke Ibrahim, Odinaka, John Paul, Adekunle Joshua to three years imprisonment with the option of N500, 000 fine each. The duo of Damilola Michael and David Oluwatobi were sentenced to two years imprisonment or N300, 000 fine each. Others bagged two years imprisonment or a fine of N200,000 each while the three sureties bagged two years imprisonment with option of N100,000 fine each.

The press release includes lots of photos:

[court-sends-27-fraudsters-three-others-to-jail-in-port-harcourt](#)

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24 AUG 2021

### **Cyber Fraudster Jailed for \$1500 Scam**

One Harry Prince Okotie who was on Monday, 23rd August, 2021 arraigned before Justice Sylvanus Oriji of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, for pretending to be Thomas Toud, a Drilling Engineer from South Korea on Facebook, has been sentenced to 6 months in prison.

Okotie was convicted based on his guilty plea to the one count charge brought against him by the EFCC. The convict used the false identity to obtain the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) from one Richamar, a citizen of the Philippines in the guise of being in a romantic relationship with her.

He was sentenced to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) Naira. He is also to forfeit the sum of N220,000 (Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira), being proceeds of the crime, to the Federal Government.

[cyber-fraudster-jailed-for-1500-scam](#)

419 Coalition comment: We hope that the 419er has been ordered to pay full restitution to the victim as well, and that the EFCC will see to it that this is done... this was not mentioned above...

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23 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 15 Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission , Abuja Zonal Command, has arrested 15 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects were apprehended within Brick City and Kagini in the Kubwa axis of Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, on Thursday, August 19, 2021 following credible intelligence on their alleged involvement in cyber-related scam.

The suspects are Benjamin Obiakor, Emmanuel Simon, Ibrahim Oyelade, Taiwo Samuel, Oko Emmanuel Chinedu, Uchechukwu Edozie and Obi Emeka Reginald. Others include Jerry Gabriel, Athnetus Ezeh, Michael Aaron, Ebube Gabriel, Ikechukwu Collins, Izoduwa Osemwegie, Augustine Kelvin, Morrison Marvin, Stanley Okereke, Victor Ajah, Ibrahim Ojonugwa, Chijioke Nnaka, Chikezie Wisdom and Chijioke Ifendu.

Items recovered from the suspects include two cars, five laptops and 13 mobile phones.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-15-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)  
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23 AUG 2021

### **Court Jails Man for Romance Scam in Abuja**

A 25-year-old man, Yusuf Adekunle Amuda was Thursday, August 19, 2021 sentenced to six months imprisonment for internet fraud.

Yusuf allegedly defrauded a Chinese woman of the sum of N2 Million (Two Million Naira) over a phony romantic relationship in the social media where he presented himself as a Sino-American Military Officer on a peace-keeping mission in Syria.

He employed the false identity to extort various sums of money from his victim.

Justice S. C. Oriji of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Maitama, Abuja, convicted Yusuf after he pleaded guilty to the one count charge brought against him by the Abuja Zonal Command of the EFCC.

The charge reads: "that you Yusuf Adekunle Amuda sometime in 2021, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court by deceiving while pretending to be one Kim Webb, a military personnel from USA and posted to Syria for Peacekeeping, through the means of WeChat App which is a Chinese App cheated by inducing unsuspecting victim to deliver to you the sum of N2,000,000 ( Two Million Naira) in the guise of being in romantic relationship with her, a fact which you knew to be false and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 (b) and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code Act, Laws of the Federation (Abuja), 1990".

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-jails-man-for-romance-scam-in-abuja](#)  
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23 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 37 for Alleged Internet Fraud**

The Ibadan Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday, August 20, 2021, arrested 37 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects were arrested at Ibadan and Oyo town, Oyo State following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects include Kehinde Emmanuel Ayoola, Adewale Adeparosi Samson, Adeniran Tijesunmi Ayobami, Abiodun Olamide, Olaoye Afolabi Bolarinwa, Ajibade Sodiq Ayodeji, Babalola Opeyemi David, Fatunbi Gboluwaga Oludotun, Abdusalam Mojeeb Ololade, Taiwo Emmanuel Olaoluwa and Oyewole Oyewunmi Fred.

Others are Akinboade Fatai Jimmy, Oyewole Samod. Others are: Ishola Akinyemi Labayo, Ayinde Oluwasegun Ridwan, Oladokun Abdulkadri Akolade, Adebayo Dare Basit, Adebayo Tola Kudus, , Oladeji Joseph Popoola Samuel Ayomide, Oladoja Oluwaseun Peter, Olakunbi Feranmi Ayodeji, Khalid Mohammed, Salimon Sodiq and Oparemi Ayomide James.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-37-for-alleged-internet-fraud](#)  
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20 AUG 2021

### **Son, Mother, Three Others Arraigned for Internet Fraud in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Friday, August 20, 2021 arraigned five suspects before Justice Hannatu A.L Balogun of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna on separate one count charges for offences ranging from impersonation to obtaining by false pretences.

One of the charges read: "That you, Isreal Justin (male) sometime in July 2021 at Kaduna, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court in an attempt to commit fraud falsely presented yourself to one Angie Barfrag as James Thompson (an American Military Personnel) serving in Ohio, United States of America, which pretence you knew to be false and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 5 (2) and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

Another charge reads: "That you Lucky Ebhogie (male) sometime in July, 2021 at Kaduna, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently obtained a total sum of \$ 7,500 USD ( Seven Thousand Five Hundred USD) only from one Nancy, an American citizen, when you presented yourself to her as James Chinn (an American Military Personnel) deployed to Afghanistan which pretence you knew to be false and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (1) b and punishable under Section 1 (3) of Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

The charge against Margaret reads: "That you Margaret Sylvester (Female) sometime in July, 2021 at Kaduna, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did conduct a financial transaction to with; purchase a vehicle "Mercedes Benz GLK 350, 2013 Model, Chassis No. WDCGG5HM1EG190011" at the cost of N 7,000,000 (Seven Million Naira only), for and behalf of one Lucky Ebhohjie, from the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity for the purpose of disguising the source of the money which you knew or ought to have known was the proceeds of unlawful activity and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 7 (1) (b) and punishable under Section 7 (2) of Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

The charge against Godwin reads: "That you, Richman Kas Godwin ( male) sometime in July, 2021 at Kaduna, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently obtained the sum of \$ 1,200 USD ( One Thousand Two Hundred USD only) from one Nancy ( an American citizen ) when you falsely presented yourself to her as West Brown ( an American military personnel) deployed to Afghanistan, which you knew to be false and you thereby committed an offence

contrary to Section 1(1) (b) and punishable under Section 1 (3) of Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

The defendants all pleaded 'not guilty' to their respective charges.

Upon their pleas, the prosecution counsel, N. Salele asked the court to remand the defendants in prison custody and fix a date for the commencement of the trial,

But the defence counsel, C.E Okonkwo drew the attention of the court to a pending motion for the bail of his clients and urged the court to admit them to bail.

Justice Balogun ordered the defendants remanded in a Correctional Centre and adjourned the matter till August 26, 2021 for ruling on the bail applications.

The press release includes photos:

[son-mother-three-others-arraigned-for-internet-fraud-in-kaduna](#)

Scroll down to our 11 AUG 2021 News for the press release on the initial arrest of these alleged 419ers.

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19 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 14 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Command, on Thursday, August 19, 2021 arrested 14 suspected internet fraudsters at the Monarch axis of Enugu, Enugu State.

The suspects are: Okoro Anselem, Okoh Chumsdi, Ngwuta Chibuike, Chukwugekwu Michael, Chukwuemeka Victor, Chima Richard, Simon Prosper, Joshua Bomateh and Chukwunonso Henry. Others include Waritimi Fredrick, Ifesinachi valentine, Amadi Michael, Ijere Caleb, Victor Nduka and Joshua Odoemenam.

They were arrested based on verified intelligence on their involvement in internet related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include two vehicles, several mobile phones, laptops and other incriminating items.

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

The press release includes photos:

[arrests-14-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

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19 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Three Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested three suspected internet fraudsters in a sting operation.

They were arrested on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at No. 10c. Okokwu Street, Mile 3, Diobu, Port Harcourt, Rivers State following some verified intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects are: Otode Kelvin Presco, Miracle Kanen Bariduduune and Saviour Ledum Prince.

tems recovered from them include: one black- coloured iPhone X; one green-coloured infinix Hot 9; one brown Tecno Camon 12 air; two small itel torch light phones; one black -coloured power bank, one black -coloured Tecno Camon 15 air and one blue-coloured infinix smart 4 phone.

The suspects would be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-three-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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19 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Urges Young People to Fight Internet Fraud**

The incidence of internet related crimes may be reduced if young people are willing to speak to their peers about the damaging effect of such crimes on society.

This assertion was made by Harry Erin, Commander, Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, when he received officials of the EFCC/ NYSC Anti-corruption Community Development Service group comprising corps members posted to Kaduna North and Chikun Local Government Areas, who were at the Command on a familiarization visit to discuss areas of collaboration towards fighting Internet-related fraud among the youth.

The Presidents of the two groups, Suleiman Yaro Suleiman and Jatau Abdulhameed Eneji, in separate remarks, agreed that the fight against internet fraud and other economic crimes cannot be left to the EFCC alone. While restating their unwavering support to the commission, they however solicit for the Commission's presence at their sensitization events to enhance better understanding of its work and the right messages to pass to the people.

The Corps members also submitted a schedule of programmes to the Head of Public Affairs of the Command, Hajia Zainab Sani Ahmed. She assured them of the support of the Commission in the execution of their anti- corruption sensitization activities.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-urges-young-people-to-fight-internet-fraud](#)

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17 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 10 Suspected Internet Fraudsters**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Kaduna Zonal Command, have arrested 10 persons for alleged internet-related fraud

The suspects are Ezenwa Peter, Fahad Ahmad, Alyassau Mohammed, Nehemia Joel, Enoch Simon, Kabson Ziryi Beloved, Japheth Audu, Olatunji Abimbola, Innocent Arzuka and David Samuel.

They were arrested at a hotel along Karji Expressway, Kaduna

following intelligence on their alleged internet fraud activities.

Investigation revealed that the suspects specialize in love/marriage scam, identity theft, and impersonation as they created fictitious social media accounts to defraud innocent victims. Some of them are said to be pickers or receivers of proceeds of fraudulent acts.

The suspects will be arraigned in court at the conclusion of the investigation.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-10-suspected-internet-fraudsters](#)

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13 AUG 2021

### **Two Internet Fraudsters Bag Three Years in Port Harcourt**

Justice A.T. Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has convicted and sentenced Morgan Innocent Chinda (aka Richard Johnson Adams) and Joshua Pina to three years imprisonment, for internet-related offences.

They were jailed recently after pleading "guilty" to one- count separate charge bordering on impersonation and Internet fraud, upon their arraignment by the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The lone charge reads Chinda : "That you Morgan Innocent Chinda (aka. Richard Johnson Adams) sometime in 2021, at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court fraudulently impersonated one Richard Johnson Adams, an American citizen and pilot working with American Airways with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (i) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (IV) of the same Act".

The charge against Joshua Pina reads: "That you Joshua Pina (aka Berry Williams) sometime in 2021, on or about 28th June, 2021 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court fraudulently impersonated one Berry Williams with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (i) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (IV) of the same Act"

In view of the pleas of the defendants, prosecution counsel, N.A. Dodo prayed the court to convict and sentence them accordingly.

Justice Mohammed found them guilty as charged, and consequently convicted and sentenced Chinda to two years imprisonment with an option of fine of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N 250,000), and Pina to one year imprisonment, with an option of fine of Fifty Thousand Naira ( N50,000).

The judge ordered that the items recovered from the convicts at the point of arrest: iPhone 6S, iPhone 6 and Qukitel C 19 be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release contains a photo of each 419er:

[two-internet-fraudsters-bag-three-years-in-port-harcourt](#)

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13 AUG 2021

## **EFCC Arrests 42 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Awka, Enugu**

Operatives of the Enugu Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested 42 suspected internet fraudsters in separate operations in Awka and Enugu.

Twenty-nine (29) of the suspects were arrested in Awka while thirteen (13) were arrested in Enugu following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects are: Chimezie Anyamutaku, Chinonso Dominic, Onyekachi Nwankwo, Ikenna Austin, Chinonso Anthony Caesar, Felix Okechukwu Chikagu, Dera Okoye, Victor Onyebuchi, Emmanuel Ifeanyi, Emeka Izu John, Raphael Gbughemobi, Okorie Charles, Onyeoji Chukwuemeka, Enem Bontis Obinna Udoka, Chibueze Udechukwu Ofor, Lawrence Oyegu, Soburu Kingsley, and Ikechukwu Umeakunne.

Others include Pascal Benjamin, Emeka Valentine, Nzube Kenneth Paul, Kelechi Elvis, Emmanuel Nwugo, Henry Onyebuchi Okoli, Uchechukwu Kachi, Onyekachi Promise, Innocent Victor Ikenna, Ekene Emmanuel, Chisom Nwora, Emmanuel Dimgba, Martin Chukwudalu, Nweze Desmond, Franklin Archibong, Austin Ikpeoha, Arinze Osakwe, Chukwuemeka Franklin, Emmanuel Murewa, Echefulam Uche, Ugochukwu Eze, Goodman Samuel, Emmanuel Nwoye and Ekene Udeh.

Some of the items recovered from them include laptops, several phones and nine luxury vehicles including two Lexus ES350, one Acura ZDX, one Lexus GS300, a Toyota Camry sedan, a Mercedes Benz ML320, one Lexus RX330, a Lexus ES330 and one Mercedes Benz GLK350

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-42-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-awka-enugu](#)

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12 AUG 2021

## **Man Docked For Admission Scam in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Command has arraigned one Fakunle Ganiyu Abiola before Justice Bayo Taiwo of the Oyo State High Court, sitting in Ibadan on one count charge of obtaining under false pretence.

Fakunle, sometime in 2017 had promised to assist his victim secure admission into a US university for a fee of Eight Hundred Thousand Naira (N800, 000).

But after collecting a deposit of N300, 000, the victim neither got the promised admission or a refund of the deposit paid.

The charge reads: "That you Fakunle Ganiyu Abiola on 6th of December, 2017, at Ibadan, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud obtained the sum of N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) ) only from Oladejo Timothy Olusola, through your account domiciled at United Bank for Africa Plc, with account number 2013788397, when you falsely represented to him that you can secure admission for him at a university in the United States of America, which representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence."

The offence is contrary to Section 1(1) (a) and punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advanced Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006.

Fakunle pleaded "not guilty" to the charge.

Based on his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sanusi Galadanchi told the court that he was ready for trial to commence but the defendant, through his counsel, asked for a date for the consideration of his bail application.

Justice Taiwo adjourned the case till August 19, 2021 for hearing of the bail application and remanded the defendant in the EFCC custody.

The press release includes a photo:

[man-docked-for-admission-scam-in-ibadan](#)

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11 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Son, Mother, Others for Internet Fraud in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested the quartet of Lucky Ebhogie, Richman Kas Godwin, Israel Justin and Precious Iwuji for internet-related fraud.

They were arrested on August 5, 2021 in the Sabo area of Kaduna, Kaduna State following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet-related fraud activities.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects are mostly involved in impersonation and romance scam; faking the identities of US military personnel on foreign missions to deceive their victims.

One of the suspects, Lucky Ebhogie allegedly recruited his mother into the scam by using her account to launder suspected proceeds of crime. On July, 30, 2021, he purchased a Mercedes Benz GLK car for N7 million through the mother's bank account.

Another suspect, Precious Iwuji was discovered to have sold her photographs and Facebook account to internet fraudsters, which they used to ensnare their victims.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes several photos:

[efcc-arrests-son-mother-others-for-internet-fraud-in-kaduna](#)

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10 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Suspected Internet Fraudster for N425m Fraud in Port Harcourt**

The Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arraigned a suspected internet fraudster: Samuel Akunomah before Justice A.T Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

He was arraigned on August 6, 2021 on 45-counts bordering on internet

fraud, impersonation and obtaining money under false pretense to the tune of Four Hundred and Twenty- Five Million Naira only. (N 425,000, 000).

One of the counts reads: "That you Samuel Akunomah, Omena Precious Okeren (still at large) and Shittu Adebayo (still at Large) Austin Chibike (still at Large) Charemon Golden (still at Large) sometime in 2020, at Port Harcourt, within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, directly took possession of the sum of Forty-One Million Naira (N 41,000,000.00) in First Monument Bank Account No. 4915799016 in the name of Skillz Nigeria Enterprises, money which to your knowledge formed part of the proceeds of an unlawful act, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 15 (1)(2) (d) of the Money Laundering ( Prohibition) Act, 2011 (As Amended ) and punishable under Section 15(3) of the same Act."

Another count reads : "That you Samuel Akunomah, Omena Precious Okeren (still at large) and Shittu Adebayo (still at large) Austin Chibike (still at large) Charemon Golden (still at large) sometime in 2020, at Port Harcourt, within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, directly took possession of the sum of Thirty-Four Million Naira (N 34,000,000.00) in First Monument Bank Account No. 4915799016 in the name of Skillz Nigeria Enterprises, money which to your knowledge formed part of the proceeds of an unlawful act, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 15 (1)(2) (d) of the Money Laundering ( Prohibition) Act, 2011 (As Amended ) and punishable under Section 15(3) of the same Act."

In view of his plea, prosecution counsel, S.M.H. Ibekute prayed the court to remand the defendant in Port Harcourt's Correctional Centre pending the commencement of trial. However, defence counsel, Daninagbo Davies opposed the prayer of the prosecution and sued for his bail.

Justice Mohammed reserved ruling on the bail application but ordered his remand in Port Harcourt Correctional Centre pending the determination of his application.

The defendant's trouble began when he was arrested by the operatives of the EFCC on June 28, 2021, at Royal Palm Estate, Peter Odili Road, Port Harcourt following some established intelligence linking him with internet fraud and other internet-related activities.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arraigns-suspected-internet-fraudster-for-n425m-fraud-in-port-harcourt](#)

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10 AUG 2021

### **Fake Charity: EFCC Arrests Two for N 21m Fraud in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has arrested the duo of Michael Yusuf Michael and Martha Daniel, promoters of MYM123CARE, for allegedly obtaining money by false pretence.

Their arrest followed a petition alleging that the suspects on the pretext of providing aid to the needy, solicited for funds from the general public through the Foundation but converted the proceeds to personal use.

Investigation revealed that on 22nd March, 2021, Yusuf Michael posted a video of a woman with breast cancer and solicited for donation from public-spirited individuals who responded by donating money into MYM123CARE's account domicile in a first generation bank.

The account which was in the red, had by March 26, 2021 recorded a credit balance of N21, 515,962.75k.

The woman for whom the fund was supposedly raised later died in the hospital.

The suspect upon receiving the monies, went on a spending spree, transferring various sums to third-parties who used the monies to purchase various properties ranging from real estate, automobiles and electronic equipment.

The suspect will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes several photos:

[fake-charity-efcc-arrests-two-for-n-21m-fraud-in-kaduna](#)

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6 AUG 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Bags Jail Term In Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on August 5, 2021 secured the conviction and sentencing of one Israel Anyanwu Ugochukwu before Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos

He was arraigned on a two-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents, an offence contrary to Section 318 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

One of the counts reads: "Israel Anyanwu Ugochukwu, on or about the 25th January, 2021 in Lagos within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent document titled "hangouts" where you presented yourself as Danielle Deluanay, which representations you knew or ought to have known is false."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

The prosecution counsel, S.O. Daji, thereafter, reviewed the facts of the case and also tendered in evidence the defendant's confessional statement to the EFCC as well as the incriminating documents recovered from him.

Daji, therefore, urged the Court to convict and sentence him accordingly, while also praying that items recovered from him be forfeited to the Federal Government.

In his allocutus, the defence counsel, Stephen Omoyola, pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy.

Delivering judgment, the Judge found him guilty as charged and sentenced him to six months in prison.

The trial judge also ordered the forfeiture to the Federal Government items recovered from him, including an iPhone XS and N273,443.73.

[internet-fraudster-bags-jail-term-in-lagos](#)

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5 AUG 2021

## **EFCC Arrests 41 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Owerri, Abuja**

Operatives of the Enugu and Abuja Zonal Commands of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday, August 5, 2021 arrested 41 suspected internet fraudsters in separate operations in Owerri, Imo State and Abuja, Federal Capital Territory. Their arrest were made possible through creditable intelligence received on their alleged involvement in cybercrime.

The suspects arrested in Owerri, numbering 31, include Prince Chukwuemeka Mmirikwe, Onyeachilam James, Ekezier Israel Chidera, Victor Okefor, Princewill Okoroji, Ozioma Amakodike, Chidebeere Ogu Emmanuel, Mbaeri Eze, Ogbonna Chikamso, Mark Unakalamba, Okebaram Uzoma, Okebaram Ugobueze Emmanuel, Okafor Daniel Uchechuku, Miracle Chukwu, Oparaukwu Udoka and Nwosu Jude.

Other are Kanu Emmanuel, Ohazuruike Christian, Amarakuo Nelson, Moses Chimezie, Winner Nwaigwe, Chukwuma Njoku, Ajueke Ogochukwu Timothy, Ogujiofor Chukwuebuka, Okanume Franklin, Enyia Promise, Enyia Victor, Emeti Ikenna, Nwokike Arinze, Ogbenna Ikechukwu and Ilobi Chukwuebuka.

Items recovered from the suspects include four vehicles: a Lexus RX 350 with registration number ABJ-615-DQ, one Toyota Camry with the registration number YAB- 560-SK, a Toyota Highlander with registration number YAB- 418-CE and one Lexus RX350 with registration number WER-251-LS; several mobile phones, laptops and other incriminating items.

The 10 suspects arrested in the Kubwa and Dawaki axis of the Federal Capital Territory include Pabbor John Oyin, Joshua Joel, John Asemota, Abakpa Samuel and Joseph Miles. Others are Israel Kue, Nathaniel Monibidor, Eghosa Balogun, Junior Salami and Moses Modupe.

Two vehicles (Corolla LE and Venza SUV), four laptops and fourteen mobile phone were recovered from them.

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

The press release includes several photos:

[efcc-arrests-41-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-owerri-abuja](#)

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5 AUG 2021

## **Court Sends 16 Cyber Criminals to Jail in Port Harcourt**

It was a harvest of convictions for the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Wednesday August 4, 2021 as 16 cyber criminals were convicted and sentenced to various jail terms by Justice Adamu Tukur Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The convicts are Saheed Ibrahim Odunayo, Oduwa Osagieduwa, Ahmed Rilwan, Okpodu Samson, Abimbola Akinboyejo, Akande Oluwaferanmi, Samson Fadugbagbe and Prince Ifeakachukwu Abandi. Others are Dogo Samson, Olurunlayo Busayo Adewale, Joshua Temiloluwa, Oniye Damilare, Oluwagbemiga Blessing, Lucky Morrison, Adekolurejo Femi James and Alasa Solomon.

The 16 convicts were arraigned on one count charge each for offences bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences.

The charge against Ahmed Rilwan reads: "That you Ahmed Rilwan (m)

sometimes in 2019 at Owo, Ondo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud sent electronic message which materially misrepresent your identity of Jessica, an American lady upon which she relied and suffered financial loss in the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars) and you thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 14(2) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act 2015."

All the defendants pleaded guilty to the respective charge.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Francis Jibro, prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. One of the defence counsel, Pascal Ugbome urged the court to honour the plea bargain agreement entered by the parties.

Justice Mohammed sentenced the duo of Adekolurejo Femi James and Oduwa Osagieduwa to two years imprisonment or a fine of N500,000 each. The quartet of Saheed Ibrahim Odunayo, Samson Fadugbagbe Okpodu Samson and Olurunlayo Basayo Adewale were sentenced to two years imprisonment or a fine of N300, 000.

Lucky Morrison, Joshua Temiloluwa, Abimbola Akinboyejo, Oluwagbemiga Blessing, Akande Oluwaferanmi, Oniye Damilare and Dogo Samson were sentenced to two years imprisonment or a fine of N200,000 each.

Ahmed Rilwan was sentenced to three years imprisonment or a fine of N300, 000 while Alasa Solomon bagged two years imprisonment or a fine of N400, 000.

Prince Ifeakachukwu got three years imprisonment with the option of N500, 000 fine.

The press release includes photos of 13 of the 16 419ers:

[court-sends-16-cyber-criminals-to-jail-in-port-harcourt](#)

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4 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 13 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

Operatives of the Abuja Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, have arrested 13 persons for alleged Internet fraud. The suspects are Daniel Nwafor, Yusuf Abdulwaheed, Yusuf Adekunle, Ejiga Samuel, Umar Farouk Mohammed and Emmanuel Simon.

Others include Habeeb Ikojo, Osondu Stanley, Ibrahim Oyelade, Taiwo Samuel, Churchill Onodu, Jamiu Abdulkareem and Ogbede Y. Oguchi.

They were arrested in the early hours of Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at different locations in Dawaki and Dutse areas of Abuja, following credible intelligence on their alleged fraudulent activities.

Items recovered from suspects include two cars (a Toyota Camry and Mercedes C300), 32 smart phones and 3 laptops.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-13-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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4 AUG 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Bags Jail Term in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, August 2, 2021 secured the conviction of one Shennaiké Folagboye before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a one-count amended charge bordering on possession of fraudulent document. The offence is contrary to Section 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The count reads: "Shennaiké Adejumobi Folagboye, on or about the 1st day of March 2021 in Lagos within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud had in your possession document titled "Google Account Personal Info" wherein you presented yourself as Wladimir Marvin, for Romance/Dating Scam printed from your email wladimirmarvin60@gmail.com which you knew to be false."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

The prosecuting counsel, Franklin Ofoma, thereafter reviewed the facts of the case and tendered in evidence, his confessional statement to the EFCC, the incriminating documents printed out from his devices and also his bank account statements. They were admitted by the Court as Exhibit 1-7.

Ofoma, therefore, urged the Court to convict and sentence him accordingly. Defence counsel, Adebayo Ishola, however, pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy.

"He has no criminal antecedent and has vowed not to go back to crime," he said, noting that the defendant did not waste the time of the court.

Delivering judgement, the Judge found him guilty as charged and sentenced him to one year in prison but gave him an option of N2million as fine.

Upon release or satisfaction of the fine, he was also ordered to sign an undertaking never to engage in crime.

The trial judge also ordered the forfeiture to the Federal Government, items recovered from him, including, one HP laptop, one Samsung S10 and one Lexus G3300.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[internet-fraudster-bags-jail-term-in-lagos](#)

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3 AUG 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Two for \$20,000 Fraud in Port Harcourt**

The Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arraigned the duo of Kingsley Peters and Otonye Okoye before Justice A.T. Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

They were arraigned on Monday, August 2, 2021 on four count charges bordering on conspiracy and obtaining money under false pretences to the tune of \$20,000( Twenty Thousand United States Dollars).

One of the charges reads: "That you Kingsley Peters and Otonye Okoye sometimes in 2020 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State, within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court did conspire among yourselves to commit felony to wit: obtaining money by false pretences contrary to Section 8 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under section 1 (3) of the same Act".

They pleaded "not guilty" to all the charges.

In view of their pleas, prosecution counsel, K.W. Chukwuma Eneh prayed the court to remand the defendants in Port Harcourt Correctional Centre pending the commencement of trial. However, defense counsel, Floriett Godman urged the court to grant the defendants bail.

Justice Mohammed adjourned the matter to August 5 2021, and ordered the remand of the defendants in the EFCC custody pending the determination of their bail applications.

The defendants' trouble began on June 29, 2021, when they were arrested by operatives of the EFCC at No. 2 Eleworks Close, off First Avenue by Las Vegas Bus Stop, Port Harcourt for alleged Internet-related offences.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arraigns-two-for-20-000-fraud-in-port-harcourt](#)

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3 AUG 2021

#### **Four Convicted of Cybercrime in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 secured the conviction of a 400Level student of University of Ilorin, Joshua Ogizien, and three other persons for offences bordering on internet fraud before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court in Ilorin.

The three other convicts are Toheeb Muritala, a 200Level Computer Science Student of the Kwara State University, KWASU, Molete; Rasheed Afeez Temitope, a graduate of Bartholomew College of Health Technology, Shao and one Olaoluwa Samuel from Lagelu Local Government of Oyo State.

Following credible intelligence reports on the activities of fraudsters swindling unsuspecting victims of their hard-earned money within Ilorin and its environs, operatives of the EFCC swung into action and in the process arrested the convicts at various locations within the metropolis.

They volunteered statements and confessed to the crime.

Consequently, the suspects were arraigned on separate charges on Monday, August 2, 2021. They pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

Instruments used in committing the crime such as phones, laptops including the fraudulent messages printed from their phones and laptops as well as their confessional statements were tendered and admitted in evidence by the court.

Delivering judgment on the cases today, Justice Abdulgafar said based on the plea of guilt entered by the defendants, the unchallenged testimonies of the prosecution witnesses and all the exhibits tendered, the prosecution had established its case beyond reasonable doubts.

Consequently, the judge sentenced Joshua to one year imprisonment, which should be suspended for one year and ordered the forfeiture of the devices recovered from him including the draft of N79,000 (Seventy Nine Thousand Naira) which he raised as restitution to the Federal Government.

Similarly, Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Toheeb to one year imprisonment, which should be suspended for one year and ordered that the devices used to perpetrate the crime and the draft of N220, 000.00 (Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira), which he raised as restitution be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The judge also sentenced Rasheed to six months imprisonment each on the two counts preferred against him, which will run concurrently. While the court ordered the suspension of the sentences by one year to enable the convict complete his education at KWASU, the devices recovered from him were forfeited to the Federal Government.

In the same vein, Olaoluwa was sentenced to a term of one year imprisonment on count one with option of fine of N50, 000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) and one year imprisonment on count two without an option of fine. According to the judge, "the sentences are to be suspended for a term of one year, while the convict's two phones and a draft of N32,000 (Thirty Two Thousand Naira), which he raised as restitution be forfeited to the Federal Government".

Justice Abdulgafar also ordered that the convicts should be reporting to ASP Towoju Azeez of Mandala Correctional Centre during the period of the suspension of sentences.

The press release includes photos of all four 419ers:

[four-convicted-of-cybercrime-in-ilorin](#)

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30 JUL 2021

### **US Military Impostor Bags One-Year Imprisonment in Kwara**

Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Friday, July 30, 2021 sentenced an undergraduate, one Abdulsalam Oyeyemi, to one-year imprisonment for falsely posing as American Military Officer to defraud unsuspecting victims.

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, had on Thursday, July 29, 2021 arraigned Oyeyemi, 23, on one-count charge bordering on personation and internet fraud.

The charge reads: "That you, Abdulsalam Oyeyemi (aka Colt Williams, James Anderson) sometime in March, 2020 or thereabout in Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court dishonestly induced one Cristina Gobin (aka Cristina Haripaul), a white lady to send you bitcoins worth the sum of 1,255 Canadian Dollars when you knowingly pretended and represented yourself to be one James Anderson, an American Military Messenger who is in charge of her husband, Colt Williams' internet connection when you had earlier represented yourself to the said Cristina Gobin as the said Colt Williams, an American Marine Officer who is in a romantic relationship with her and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code Laws of Northern Nigeria."

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Counsel to the EFCC, Aliyu Adebayo, led an operative of the Commission to review the facts of the case. In the process, incriminating materials

found on the defendant upon arrest were tendered and admitted in evidence. These include the defendant's extra judicial statements, fraudulent messages printed out of his phones and the manager's cheque (bank draft) of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) which he raised as restitution to the victim.

In his Judgment, Justice Abdulfafar said the court carefully considered the case of the prosecution, the plea of guilt entered by the defendant, his extra judicial statements and the exhibits tendered before the court, and found merit in it.

The judge sentenced Oyeyemi to one year imprisonment. According to him, "The sentence shall be suspended for one year".

The court, thereafter ordered the forfeiture of the convict's iPhone and Manager's cheque of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) to the Federal Government.

"The judgement is without option of fine", the judge added.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[us-military-impostor-bags-one-year-imprisonment-in-kwara](#)

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29 JUL 2021

### **Graduate Convicted of Romance Scam in Kaduna**

The Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Thursday, July 29, 2021 secured the conviction and sentencing of one Nwaturuocha Linjunior Kelechi to one-year prison term before Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court, Kaduna on a two count charge of cheating and impersonation.

One of counts reads, "that you Nwaturoucha Linjunior Kelechi sometime in 2019 at Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did pretend to be an American military personnel stationed in Syria, when you knew you were not, and in such assumed character cheated one Vennesa Rose, an American citizen of the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Untied States Dollars (\$1,900.00) when you claimed that you were in love with her and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 142 (1) of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law No.5 of 2017".

He had initially pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges on December 19, 2019 but was re-arraigned on July 29, 2021 wherein he pleaded guilty to an amended charge following a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

In view of his guilt plea, the prosecution urged the court to enter the terms of the plea bargain as the judgment of the court, while the defence urged the court to temper justice with mercy as the convict had no record conviction and has become remorseful.

Justice Khobo consequently convicted and sentenced the defendant to one year in imprisonment starting from the date of his arrest. He was ordered to restitute the victim the sum of \$1,900.00 USD through the EFCC and the US Embassy.

He is also to forfeit to the Federal Government the following items; an iPhone 6, one 43" Led Solar Star TV, one DSTV Satellite Dish and one DSTV Decoder.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[graduate-convicted-of-romance-scam-in-kaduna](#)

419 Coalition comment: We trust the US Embassy will see to it that the ordered resitituion is indeed promptly remitted to the victim.

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29 JUL 2021

### **Count Sends Two Internet Fraudsters To Jail in Benin**

Justice Efe Ikponwonba of the Edo State High Court sitting in Benin City on Thursday July 29, 2021 convicted and sentenced the duo of Ahunwan Nosakhare (aka Ryan Phillippe ) and Ogbolu Israel Uche (aka Huan Bryan) to prison for fraud.

The defendants were arraigned by the Benin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on one count charge of personation contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1979 and punishable under the same Law.

Nosakhare is said to have impersonated Ryan Phillippe (an American ) on Instagram using officialryanphillipe@gmail.com while Ogbolu Israel Uche impersonated Huan Bryan (a Chinese) living in the United States of America on Instagram with intent to defraud their unsuspecting victims.

The charge against Nosakhare reads: "that you Ahunwan Nosakhare (a.k.a Ryan Phillippe ) on or about the 9th of March, 2021 at No 28, Upper Siluko Road, Unity Street, opposite police station, Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of the Honourable Court did with intent to defraud falsely represented yourself as Ryan Phillippe (an American) on Instagram using officialryanphillipe@gmail.com contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code law Cap 48 laws of defunct Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under same section."

The charge against Uche reads: "that you Ogbolu Israel Uche (alias Huan Bryan) sometime in September, 2020, in Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did with intent to defraud falsely represented yourself as Huan Bryan (a Chinese) living in the United States of America by sending fraudulent messages and pictures on Instagram to Lee Hwanhee Mario (a Korean) which messages you claimed emanated from the said (Huan Bryan) thereby committed an offence".

Upon arraignment, the defendants pleaded "guilty" to the charge preferred against them.

In view of their pleas, prosecution counsel, Immaculate Elody prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. However, the defence counsel, Isaac Ozua pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy and to honour the plea bargain agreement between the defendants and the prosecution.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced the defendants to two (2) years imprisonment or a fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200, 000) each.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[count-sends-two-internet-fraudsters-to-jail-in-benin](#)

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29 JUL 2021

## **Unilorin Final Year Student Lands in Jail Over Cybercrime**

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of a final year student of University of Ilorin, Ajani Samuel, over internet-related offences, including romance scam.

Ajani, 25, was among the 30 suspected fraudsters arrested on May 4, 2021 around Tanke Area, University Road, Ilorin by operatives of the Commission.

Upon the plea of guilt entered by the defendant, and uncontroverted evidence tendered by the prosecution against him, Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin found Ajani guilty of the two counts preferred against him by the EFCC.

One of the counts reads: "That you, AJANI SAMUEL (ALIAS ROSELINE THENG) sometime between the month of June, 2020 and May, 2021 at Ilorin, Kwara State, within the jurisdiction of the Honorable Court did knowingly had under your control the sum of \$9,348.2 through your Blockchain Wallet linked to your samuelanuoluwa100@gmail.com, the money you knew to have been unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 319A of the Penal Code."

Following the plea of the defendant, counsel to the EFCC, Innocent Mbachie, led Udo Iniubong, an operative of the Commission, to review the facts of the case. Documents including the extra judicial statements of the defendant, fraudulent messages, iPhones, Laptop and Manager's cheque (bank draft) of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) raised as restitution by the defendant were tendered and admitted in evidence.

Delivering judgment on the matter on Wednesday, Justice Oyinloye said the court carefully considered the evidence placed before it and the plea of guilt entered by the defendant.

"The evidence of the sole prosecution witness remained credible and reliable even after the cross-examination. The defendant entered defence, but failed to neutralise, controvert or damage the evidence of the prosecution", the judge said.

Consequently, Justice Oyinloye sentenced Ajani to six months imprisonment on count one with N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) as option of fine and two years imprisonment on count two with option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira). According to the court, the sentences will run concurrently.

The judge also ordered the forfeiture of the convict's iPhones, laptop and the manager's cheque of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) raised as restitution by the convict to his victims, to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[unilorin-final-year-student-lands-in-jail-over-cybercrime](#)

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29 JUL 2021

## **EFCC Arrests 55 Internet Fraud Suspects in Enugu, Ebonyi**

Operatives of the Enugu Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested 55 suspected internet fraudsters in separate operations in Enugu and Ebonyi States. Eighteen of the suspects were arrested today July 29, 2021, at Agbani Road and Thinkers Corner areas of Enugu, Enugu State following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects are: John Kennedy, Onochie John Paul, Ilojeme Chiagozie, Ilechukwu Chidieubebe, Ike Ebubechukwu Emmanuel H., Otega Pafe Philip, Uzochukwu Uche Frank and Ezinwa Witness Chimere. Others are Obike William

Nwabufo, Ikeja Eyerinsu, Chidindu Victory, Onwuagbaizu Paul, Tomizine Alamco, Great Oluwagbemiga, Kanu Dennis Ifeanyichukwu, Ebere Malachy, James Collins Ewenike and Ilojeme Chiemela.

Some of the items recovered from them include laptops and several mobile phones.

The remaining 37 suspects were apprehended on Wednesday July 28, 2021 at Hausa Quarters, Nkaliki, Aboboriga, Abakiliki, Ebonyi State.

The suspects are: Igwe Chukwudi, Ozoemena Newman, Obinna William, Eze Godwin, George Ezenwa, Onyebuchi Ebuka, Ezediegwu Innocent, Nzubechukwu Obineze, Igwe Ikenna, Ibrahim Falada, Ezra Excel, Chinedu Agu, Oscar Sogidu, Uchenna Onyenweaku, Nwoka Darlington, Ejike Prince, Anuli Obinna, Nwazunkwu Collins and Mba Rocks, Patrick Junior.

Others are Amefula Kennedy, Ebuka Okoh, Igboke Chinonso, Ijezie Chibuike, Anthony Delight, Joseph Ahuighnwa, Innocent Chukwuebuka, Chima Ndubuisi, Benjamin Kelechi, Precious Kalu, Anthony Samuel, Christian Valentine, Chukwudi Agbom, Ekebudu Nwabueze, Okoye Arinze, Igwebuike Emeka and Chiemelie Franklin.

Items recovered from the suspects include four vehicles : Lexus RX 350 with registration Number KUJ -552- BG, Lexus IS250 registered with Number EBJ - 762 -AAA, Mercedes Benz ML350 4matic with registration Number KUJ -393 - BQ and Mercedes Benz E350 marked YAB – 133 -BL, several phones and laptops.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-55-internet-fraud-suspects-in-enugu-ebonyi](#)

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28 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails Three Internet Fraudsters In Port Harcourt**

Justice A.J. Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced three fraudsters to three years imprisonment each, for internet- related offences.

The convicts: Paul Effiong Aniedi, Meshack Aniekan and Ovie Collins were jailed after pleading "guilty" to one- count separate amended charge, following their arraignment by the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

One of the charges read:

"That you, Paul Effiong Aniedi (aka Austin Sylver) in 2020 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, fraudulently impersonate yourself as Austin Sylver, a Crypto Currency dealer from Australia, to one peter Wilkinson and others from United States of America, with intent to gaining monetary advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (i & ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015".

Based on their "guilty" plea, prosecuting counsel, S. Ibekwute, prayed the court to convict and sentence them accordingly.

Justice Mohammed convicted and sentenced the three defendants to three years imprisonment each, with an option of fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira

(N200, 000.00) each.

The court ordered that the phones employed in committing the crime: a blue Techno Spark 4, a blue Galaxy A10S and a gold- coloured Gionee S10 be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Aniedi, Aniekan and Collins got into trouble after the EFCC worked on some verified intelligence, linking them with fraudulent activities on the internet. They were arrested at Sam Mba Close, off NTA Akparale Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State and prosecuted.

The press release includes photos of all three 419ers:

[court-jails-three-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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28 JUL 2021

### **Internet Fraudsters Bag Jail Terms In Lagos**

The Economic and Financial Crimes, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, secured the conviction and sentencing of an internet fraudster, David Semilogo Foluwake, before Justice Abike Fadipe of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was arraigned on a one-count charge bordering on possession of documents containing false pretence.

The charge reads: "That you, David Semilore Foluwake, sometime in the month of February, 2021, at Lagos within the jurisdiction of the Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession documents containing false pretence to wit: "Google Account", wherein you falsely represented yourself as an American with the name Ivan Smith born in 1962, which document you knew to be false and committed an offence contrary to Sections 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015."

Upon his arraignment today, the convict pleaded 'guilty' to the offence.

In view of his guilty plea, the prosecution counsel, Banjo Temitope, reviewed the facts of the case and prayed that the defendant be convicted as charged.

Justice Fadipe found him guilty of the offence and sentenced him to six months imprisonment.

In a related development, Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos, today convicted and sentenced a fraudster, Yusuf Quadri, to one year imprisonment.

The convict was arraigned on a one-count amended charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents, an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

He pleaded 'guilty' to the charge.

The prosecuting counsel, Franklin Ofoma, told the Court that the defendant was arrested in Lagos sometime in 2020 by operatives of the EFCC and "was found to be in possession of fraudulent documents, which he used to defraud unsuspecting members of the public."

He, thereafter, tendered in evidence the extra-judicial statement the defendant made to the EFCC, and the incriminating documents printed out from the defendant's email.

They were admitted by the Court as exhibits 1-4.

Ofoma, therefore, urged the Court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

Defence counsel, O. Abraham, however, pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy.

Delivering judgment, the Judge found him guilty as charged and sentenced him to one year in prison, with an option of fine of N1million.

[internet-fraudsters-bag-jail-terms-in-lagos](#)

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28 JUL 2021

### **Prince, Two Others Jailed for Cybercrime in Ilorin**

The Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 secured the conviction of one Prince Oyinlola Adedayo Emmanuel and two other persons who were prosecuted on offences bordering on love scam and cybercrime.

The other two convicts are Owonikoko Kehinde Damilare, a 200 Level Computer Science Student of the University of Ilorin and one Jimoh Akeem Lawal.

The convicts, who were prosecuted on separate charges pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them by the Commission before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar and Justice Sikiru Oyinloye, both of the Kwara State High Court in Ilorin.

Oyinlola, 28, who identified himself as a prince from Odo-Otin Local Government Area of Osun State was found guilty by Justice Abdulgafar and sentenced to three months imprisonment, which shall be suspended for one year without option of fine. The court ordered that the phone and laptop recovered from him be forfeited to the Federal Government.

In a similar fashion, Justice Abdulgafar sentenced Jimoh Akeem to one year imprisonment each on count one, count two, count three and six months imprisonment on count four without option of fine. According to the judge, "the sentences shall run concurrently and shall be suspended for one year". The court also ordered the forfeiture of the money in the convict's bank account, phones and laptop, which were used to perpetrate the crime to the Federal Government.

On the other hand, Justice Oyinloye convicted and sentenced Owonikoko to six months imprisonment on count one with option of fine of N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) and one year imprisonment on count two with option of fine of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira).

The Judge ordered that the iPhone, laptop and the manager's cheque (bank draft) of N112,500 (One Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Naira) which he raised be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes photos of all three 419ers:

[prince-two-others-jailed-for-cybercrime-in-ilorin](#)

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27 JUL 2021

### **Cybercrime: Court Sends Unilorin, Kwasu, Kwara Poly Students to Jail**

The Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 secured the conviction one Abubakar Abdulbashit Opeyemi, a final year Student of the University of Ilorin and two other

undergraduate students charged with offences bordering on love scam and internet fraud.

They two other convicts are Alimi Abiodun and Idowu Rasaan Olarewaju, who are students of the Kwara State University, KWASU, Molete and Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, respectively.

Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin convicted and sentenced the three undergraduates to various jail terms after the court found them guilty of various offences preferred against them by the EFCC.

The three convicts, who were arraigned on separate charges pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against them.

In his judgment on the cases today, Justice Abdulgafar while relying on the plea of guilt entered by the defendants and the various exhibits tendered against them held that the prosecution succeeded in proving its case beyond reasonable doubts.

Consequently, Abdulbashit Opeyemi was sentenced to six months imprisonment, which shall be suspended for one year. The judge also ordered that the convict's iPhones, HP Laptop which were used as instruments in committing the crime and a draft of N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) which he raised as restitution be forfeited to the Federal Government

In sentencing Abiodun, the judge gave him three months imprisonment on count one and one year imprisonment on count two, which shall be suspended for one year. He also ordered the forfeiture of his iPhone and the sum of N352, 000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand Naira) draft raised by him (the convict) to the Federal Government.

For Idowu, Justice Abdulgafar sentenced him to six months imprisonment, which shall be suspended for six months. He also ordered the forfeiture of his (the convict) 2014 Toyota Venza, 2 iPhones, HP Laptop, the sum of N404, 414.93 (Four Hundred and Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Fourteen Naira, Ninety Three Kobo) in his First Bank account to the Federal Government.

"The sentences are without option of fine", the judge added.

[ybercrime-court-sends-unilorin-kwasu-kwara-poly-students-to-jail](#)

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27 JUL 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Bags One Year in Port Harcourt**

Justice E. Obile of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has convicted and sentenced Sampson Ajagha to one year imprisonment for Internet- related offences.

He was jailed on July 14, 2021 after pleading "guilty" to two- count charges bordering on impersonation and internet fraud, upon his arraignment by the Port Harcourt's Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

One of the count- charges read:

"That you Sampson Ajagha (Alias Wilson Brown) sometimes in September 2020 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court did impersonate identity of one Wilson Brown, a white man in your gmail account by sending documents to unsuspecting ladies through the internet which document you claim emanated from the said Wilson Brown with the intent to gain for yourself, and thereby committed

and offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (ii) of the Cyber Crime (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under section 22 (2) (b) (IV) of the same Act"

He pleaded "guilty" to the two-count charges preferred against him. In view of his plea, prosecution counsel, K.W. Chukwuma-Eneh, urged the court to convict and sentence the defendant accordingly. His prayer was not opposed by the defence counsel, Paula Abdul-Adukole.

Justice Obile convicted and sentenced him to six months imprisonment each on both count charges, with an option of fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N 100,000.00) on each of the count. The sentence runs concurrently.

Sampson's journey to the Correctional Centre began when he was arrested at Mandela Housing Estate Rumuokoro, Port Harcourt, Rivers State by operatives of the EFCC based on intelligence linking him to some fraudulent activities.

The press release includes a photo:

[internet-fraudster-bags-one-year-in-port-harcourt](#)

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23 JUL 2021

### **Court Convicts Fraudster 10 Years for \$18,700 Internet Scam**

The Sokoto Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC today Friday, July 23, 2021 secured the conviction and sentencing of one Joseph Oladapo Philips to 10 years imprisonment for \$18,700 Internet fraud before Justice Mohammed Sifawa of the Sokoto State High Court.

Philips who is an undergraduate of the Sokoto State University was prosecuted for dishonestly representing himself as an American soldier serving in Afghanistan and obtaining the said sum by false pretence.

The one count charge against him reads: "That you Joseph Oladapo Philips "male" sometime in 2021 at Sokoto within the judicial division of the High Court of Sokoto State, did fraudulently cheat one Lisa Farley from North Carolina and Joey Jaitrong by dishonestly deceiving them to collect the total sum of \$18,700 when you presented yourself to them as a United States soldier deployed to Afghanistan and sending documents of false pretence to them via your Instagram platform which you knew to be false and you thereby committed an offense contrary to Section 310 of the Sokoto State Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 311 of the same Law".

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

In view of his guilty plea, prosecution counsel S. H. Sa'ad prayed the Court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

Justice Sifawa convicted the defendant and sentenced him to 10 years imprisonment with option of N500, 000.00 fine.

The convict was also ordered to pay the sum of \$18,700 United States Dollars as restitution to the victim through the EFCC.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-convicts-fraudster-10-years-for-18-700-internet-scam](#)

419 Coalition comment: We trust that Ms. Farley will promptly

receive her returned funds, per the restitution and repatriation order of the Court.

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23 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails Internet Fraudster Two Years in Port Harcourt**

Justice P. M. Ayuba of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced Ogbonda Derrick Subumichi (a.k.a Walter Shepherd) to two years imprisonment.

The convict was arraigned by the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on July 17, 2021 on one-count amended charge bordering on impersonation.

The lone charge read: "That you Ogbonda Derric Subumichi( a.k.a Walter Shepherd) on or about June, 2021 at Port Harcourt within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did fraudulently impersonates one WALTER SHEPHERD with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) i of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) iv of the same Act".

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-jails-internet-fraudster-two-years-in-port-harcourt](#)

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19 JUL 2021

### **Court Sends Two Internet Fraudsters to Two Years in Prison**

The Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today July 19, 2021 secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters - Noah Omoregbe (a.k.a Frank Mark) and Destiny Efewengbe (a.k.a William Scot ) before Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The defendants were arraigned on one count charge each of personation and intent to defraud contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48 Laws of defunct Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under the same Law.

The charge against Omoregbe reads: "that you Noah Omoregbe (a.k.a Frank Mark) on or about the 21st day of June 2021 at Yoruba Street, Benin City, within the jurisdiction of this Hounourable Court, did with intent to defraud, falsely represented yourself as one Frank Mark, an American Soldier, and sent scam messages to one Liud Mila via your iPhone X with IMEI No: 354862090120911 with intent to obtain money from her and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48 Laws of defunct Bendel State of Nigeria ( as applicable in Edo State) , 1976 and punishable under the same Law."

The charge against Efewengbe reads: "that you Destiny Efewengbe (a.k.a William Scot) on or about the 7th day of May, 2021 at Ugbor Area, Benin City, within the jurisdiction of this Hounourable Court did with intent to defraud falsely represented yourself as one William Scot (a white man ) and sent scam messages to one Yaun Tested via your iPhone 11 pro Max with IMEI No: 353926104836894 with intent to obtain money from her and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code Law Cap 48, Laws of defunct Bendel State of Nigeria ( as applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under the same Law."

Upon arraignment, the defendants pleaded guilty to the charges.

In view of their pleas, prosecution counsel, Ibrahim Mohammed prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. However, the defence counsel, Pascal Ugbome pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy and honour the plea bargain agreement between his clients and the prosecution.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced Omoregbe to two (2) years imprisonment with option of fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira ( N 200,000 ), while Efewengbe ( a.k.a William Scott ) was sentenced to six months imprisonment with an option of Two Hundred Thousand Naira ( N200,000) as fine.

Justice Ikponwonba also ordered that items recovered by the prosecution during investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria

The press release includes photos of the two 419ers:

[court-sends-two-internet-fraudsters-to-two-years-in-prison](#)

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19 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Charges Youths on Value Orientation**

The Gombe Zonal Head of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Babashani Umar Sanda, has charged youths serving the country through the National Youth Service Corps, NYSC across Nigeria to resist negative values and prepare themselves to taken on the challenges that beset their country.

Babashani gave the charge, on Thursday 15 July, 2021 while addressing Corps members serving at Gombe State during their Community Development Service (CDS) day at the NYSC Zonal Secretariat, Bolari , Gombe State.

Babashani who spoke through the Head, Public Affairs, Chris Oluka, observed that:

"The common impression today based on happenings in the country is that the youths by their actions seem not to be ready to face their future; that rather than work hard and prepare themselves for that tomorrow, they are engaging in thuggery, cultism, sexual abuse and internet fraud among other vices"

"Now is the time to reinvent yourselves positively in order to take up your God-given responsibilities of salvaging the country from all the problems bedevilling it."

He urged them not to be deceived by the allure of wealth being displayed by some internet fraudsters but to emulate Nigerian role models who achieved fame and recognition by sheer grit and determination.

Highlight of the occasion was a sensitisation walk organised by the Anti-corruption CDS group, and supported by EFCC Zonal office across some selected streets of the metropolis.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-charges-youths-on-value-orientation](#)

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16 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Arrested 20 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Katsina**

The Kano Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has arrested twenty suspected Internet fraudsters in Dutsinma Local Government Area of Katsina State.

The suspects who were mostly youth in their early twenties were arrested by a team of operatives of the Commission following intelligence indicating that some Internet fraudsters were perpetrating fraudulent activities around Dutsinma Local Government Area of Katsina State.

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Investigation is ongoing and indicted suspects will be charged to court.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrested-20-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-katsina](#)

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14 JUL 2021

### **Eight Suspected Internet Fraudsters Arrested in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office on Monday July 12, 2021 arrested 8 suspected internet fraudsters in the Premier Layout area of Enugu state.

The suspects include Luke Anthony, Allison Onyedikachi, Tochukwu Udoye, Eze Arinze, Obijesi Obiora, Christian Chukwuemeka, Madueke Johnson Chima and Tochukwu Nnadi.

They were arrested following credible intelligence received by the Commission on their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

Items recovered from them include several phones, cars, laptops and other incriminating items.

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

The press release includes photos of seven of the 419ers:

[eight-suspected-internet-fraudsters-arrested-in-enugu](#)

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14 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Charges Kwasu Students On Integrity, Hard work**

The Zonal Head of Ilorin Office of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Usman Muktar, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 charged students of the Kwara State University, Kwasu, Malete, to embrace the culture of integrity, hard work and national pride.

He expressed optimism that, "Nigeria would overcome the present challenges posed by corruption and other forms of crimes such as kidnapping, armed robbery and cybercrime once Nigerians youths realise their potentials and channel it productively for the good of all."

Muktar who spoke through the Head, Public Affairs Department of the Zone, Ayodele Babatunde, gave the charge in a keynote address entitled "EFCC And The Role Of The Youths In Curbing Cybercrime" at the 2020/2021 Orientation Programme for Students of Kwasu, Malete, Kwara State.

According to him, "The EFCC values the fertile minds of the Nigerian youths and we will continue to ensure that we galvanize this critical component of the country in our anti-corruption crusade. We view the youth as the future anti-corruption warriors that will carry on the fight against corruption".

While decrying the rate at which youths get involved in cybercrime, the EFCC boss noted that, "yahoo-yahoo is not a sustainable way of life, but a shortcut to fame and wealth which leads to misery and regret".

He urged Nigerians to ensure, "that the love of our country is paramount in their hearths" adding that, "the fight against corruption requires all hands to be on the deck for it to be won".

He further urged Nigerian youths to take more than a passing interest in the affairs of their country, urging them to live above board and be willing to hold their leaders accountable. He also urged the students to become whistle blowers "by reporting acts that fail the simple test of integrity."

"When you see something, say something; and don't stop there, please do something", he added.

Highlights of the event was the presentation of some of the publications of the Commission including the EFCC Establishment Act, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) About the EFCC and Zero Tolerance Magazine to the Vice Chancellor of the KWASU, Professor Mohammed M. Akanbi, SAN, represented by Professor Sulaiman Jamiu, the University's former Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics.

In his remarks shortly after the presentation, the VC's representative, Professor Jamiu thanked the EFCC, promising that the books would be kept in the library for the benefit of both students and lecturers. He also pledged the varsity's support for the anti-corruption war of the Commission.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-charges-kwasu-students-on-integrity-hard-work](#)

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14 JUL 2021

## **EFCC Launches App for Online Reporting of Economic Crimes**

The Economic and Financial Crimes commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, launched an App, Eagle Eye, designed to ease the process of reporting economic and financial crimes in Nigeria.

Speaking during the launch, the Executive Chairman of the Commission, Abdulrasheed Bawa, described the App, being the first of its kind by any law enforcement agency in Nigeria, as a product of ingenuity by a staff of the Commission, being an application that was conceived, designed and developed by the EFCC.

According to the EFCC chairman, the initiative is a clear demonstration of his pledge on assumption of office, to run an agency that is technology-driven. "The Eagle Eye represents a new experience in information sharing and crime reporting between the public and the EFCC", he said.

Apart from complementing the existing channels for reporting economic crimes, the unique advantage of this application, the EFCC Chairman further explained, is that it eliminates direct person-to-person interface in the

reporting process and guarantees anonymity which is an added incentive to effective whistle blowing.

While appealing to members of the public to take advantage of the App in bringing cases of corruption and economic crimes to the knowledge of the EFCC, Bawa said, "with the App, those who hitherto were afraid to report corruption cases to the Commission either for fear of being identified by the culprits or having their identities revealed, can now do so with the assurance of full anonymity".

He emphasized that the Eagle Eye App, will go a long way in aiding the reportage of fraudulent activities of individuals particularly in the case of Money Laundering through Real Estate. "With the Eagle Eye, Nigerians and Non Nigerians can easily take a picture of a property suspected to have been fraudulently or corruptly acquired and report through the App seamlessly".

He also said that as media practitioners, journalists occupy vantage positions not only in helping to bring the knowledge of the application to the public, but also making use of it and helping others to understand how it could be deployed to further the fight against economic crimes including corruption. "With the Eagle Eye, you have at your fingertips a device that will ultimately ensure that there is no hiding place for the corrupt in Nigeria", he further explained.

On how it works, the EFCC Chairman said, Eagle Eye is a user friendly application, with features that can be navigated by any literate person. The first step, he said, is to download it to device from either the Apple or Google play store.

For those who want to key into the Whistle Blowing Policy of the Federal Government and obtain reward for reporting corruption, the EFCC Chairman said such persons should indicate in the information they are providing; just as he said that there are penalties clearly stipulated in the laws, for giving false information that could mislead the Commission.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-launches-app-for-online-reporting-of-economic-crimes](#)

419 Coalition note: We are not sure how applicable the Eagle Eye app is going to be to victims of 419, but we are hopeful, and on the "can't hurt and might help" plan, we have put a link to the above press release up on our Main page in the "Reporting" section.

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14 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails Man Six Months For \$15,000 Romance Scam In Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, secured the conviction and sentencing of one Ayeni Emmanuel to six months imprisonment before Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was prosecuted on a one-count amended charge bordering on cheating, contrary to Section 321 (1) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2011.

The charge reads: "Ayeni Emmanuel, between January 2019 and December 2020, in Lagos, within the Ikeja Judicial Division of this Honourable Court, by means of fraudulent trick, obtained the sum of \$15,000 Australian Dollars from Tuciata Leifi, a citizen of Queensland, Australia, whom you met on POF dating site, wherein you represented

yourself to be one Dina Gomez, a US Military officer on peace-keeping mission in Iraq, which representation you knew was false."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

Following his guilty plea, the prosecuting counsel, Nnaemeka Omewa, gave a review of the facts against him.

According to Omewa, the EFCC, in January 2021, received intelligence about the activities of some internet fraudsters.

"On receipt, the same was analysed and surveillance carried out and found worthy of investigation," he said.

According to him, the defendant was subsequently arrested at Sangotedo, Ajah, Lagos and brought to the EFCC office for further investigation.

He said a HP laptop and an iPhone 11 were recovered from him.

He told the Court that further investigation, including the analysis of his devices, confirmed his involvement in an online dating scam and he was charged accordingly.

Omewa, therefore, urged the Court to convict the defendant based on his guilty plea.

He also prayed the Court to forfeit to the Federal Government the items recovered from him.

Justice Solebo, thereafter, found him guilty as charged and sentenced him to six months in prison.

He was also ordered to reconstitute the \$15,000 Austrian Dollars to his victim.

The items recovered from him were also ordered forfeited to the Federal Government.

"Upon release, he should enter a bond with the Commission to be of good behaviour," Justice Solebo further held.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-jails-man-six-months-for-15-000-romance-scam-in-lagos](#)

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14 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Operation At Parkitonian Hotel – The True Story**

In the early hours of Tuesday July 13, 2021 a team of operatives from the Lagos Zonal Office of the Commission, acting on verified intelligence on the activities of a suspected syndicate of internet fraudsters carried out an operation at Parkitonian Hotel in the Lekki area of Lagos.

During the sting operation which was the culmination of weeks of surveillance during which the rooms occupied by the suspects were identified, 30 suspects were arrested with 24 of them already confessing involvement in cybercrimes and related activities.

There was no incident as the hotel management served with the relevant Warrant offered access to the operatives, to carry out their lawful duties.

However, in the course of the operation, the Operatives encountered women in some of the rooms who pleaded nudity to stop them from arresting their targets. This has lately become the antics of cyber fraudsters who procure ladies to plead nudity as a decoy, to allow their consort destroy incriminating items in their devices before arrest.

The Commission will not fall for such gimmick which is intended to prevent it from carrying out its lawful duties.

It must however be stated for emphasis, that there was no break in, no molestation and no violence of any kind during the operation.

Yet a section of the media, especially the online publication, People Gazette and the Punch Newspaper, which lapped up People Gazette's report hook line and sinker, presented a narrative of gestapo operation, with forceful break in and the violation of the privacy of nude guests.

Interestingly, a common thread to the report is attribution to faceless sources. It is curious that citizens whose right to privacy had been so blatantly violated as claimed, would be hesitant to publicly speak about their ordeal. Even more worrisome is the fact that a responsible publication like the Punch Newspaper did not bother to carry out a fact-check on the allegations of break in and violence but simply regurgitated the false narrative of People Gazette.

Also, from the two reports, both the hotel owner and his manager were quoted as refusing to speak on the operation. But the claim is obviously a game of ostrich as their involvement in pushing out the false narrative is discernable. The hotel owner perhaps is ignorant of the fact that he could become an accomplice and liable for allowing his premises to be used for cybercrime, in contravention of section 3 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act. The section provides that, a "person who, being the occupier or is concerned in the management of any premises, causes or knowingly permits the premises to be used for any purpose which constitutes an offence under this Act is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 5 years without the option of a fine".

The Commission warns hoteliers from allowing their premises and facilities to become havens for cybercrime.

Adherence to the rule of law remains a core principle moderating the activities of the EFCC and the Executive Chairman, Abdulrasheed Bawa has repeatedly said the agency under his watch will not deviate from the norm.

[efcc-operation-at-parkitonian-hotel-the-true-story](#)

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13 JUL 2021

### **Alleged \$1050 Internet Fraud: Court Gives Stringent Bail Condition to Student**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Uyo Zonal Office, on Monday July 12, 2021 arraigned one Obasi Ugochukwu, a computer science student of the University of Calabar before Justice T. B. Adegoke of the Federal High Court sitting in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, for alleged internet fraud.

Ugochukwu pleaded 'not guilty' to the two count charge of criminal diversion and impersonation preferred against him by the EFCC.

One of the counts reads, "That you Obasi Ugochuwku (a.k.a Mandy Eggwhite, and Alice) sometime in October, 2020 in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to obtain property and gain advantage

for yourself, fraudulently presented yourself as Mandy Eggwhite and defrauded one Donald Schmitz in the sum of One Thousand, Fifty US Dollars (\$1,050) and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(i) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section (22)(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act and you possess documents containing false pretence to wit; chat messages printed from your iPhone 11 Pro mobile phone which documents you knew contains false pretence and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 9(1)&(2) of the same Act".

In view of his plea, the prosecuting counsel J. O. Abolarin prayed the court to remand the defendant and fix a date for trial to enable the prosecution prove its case. But the defence counsel I. J. Bassey. Immediately moved the motion for the bail of his client.

But before adjourning to September 21, 2021 for commencement of trial, Justice Adegoke granted the defendant bail in the sum of N5,000,000 (Five Million Naira) and two sureties in like sum. The sureties must present three years tax clearance certificate, and must reside within the jurisdiction of the court.

The sureties who must be Grade Level 14 officer and above from the Ministry of Finance of the Akwa Ibom State civil service, shall attend the trial of the defendant at each adjourned date and shall give undertaking to that effect.

The court also ordered the registrar of the court to verify the residence of the sureties, and have the Permanent Secretary confirm in writing that the sureties are his employees, and the sureties shall give an undertaking in writing that they will pay the bail bond to the registrar of the court who shall verify the bail condition.

The defendant was remanded at the Correctional Centre, pending the fulfilment of the bail conditions.

In a related development, the trial of two others; Asuquo Emmanuel Unyenyin and Anne Felix Idiong before Justice Adegoke were stalled as Anne Idiong whom the Commission had earlier granted an administrative bail failed to show up in court for arraignment. According to her lawyer, Udeme Tom, the defendant had to travel out of the state to attend to her health.

Asuquo Emmanuel Unyenyin though present in court, could not take his plea as he had earlier indicated his intention to plea bargain

The Judge adjourned the case till September 21, 2021 and July 25, 2021 respectively for their arraignment, and ordered Asuquo remanded at the Correctional Centre.

The press release includes a photo of the alleged 419er:

[internet-fraud-court-gives-stringent-bail-condition-to-student](#)

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12 JUL 2021

### **Internet Fraud: Court Adjourns Naira Marley's Trial Till Oct. 5**

Justice I. Nicholas Oweibo of the Federal High Court sitting in Ikoyi, Lagos, on Monday, July 12, 2021, adjourned till October 5, 2021 for continuation of trial in the case of Afeez Adeshina Fashola, also known as Naira Marley, who was arraigned sometime in 2019 on an 11-count charge of credit card fraud preferred against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge, thereby leading to his trial.

Since the commencement of the trial, the prosecution had called two witnesses, Nuru Buhari Dalhatu and Augustine Anosike, both forensic experts with the EFCC, who revealed to the court how the defendant frequently visited sites where stolen credit cards were sold to interested fraudsters as well as other shocking evidence recovered from the defendant's mobile device.

At the resumed sitting today, the prosecution counsel, Bilkisu Buhari, informed the court that the matter was slated for cross-examination of the second prosecution witness, PW2, Anosike, and also urged the court to call on the witness for the continuation of the hearing.

However, counsel to the defendants, Akinwale Kola-Taiwo, asked the court for a short date on the grounds that "the matter is for mention today and not continuation as disclosed by the prosecution."

Consequently, Justice Oweibo granted the prayer of the defence and adjourned the matter till October 5, 6 and 7 for continuation of trial.

[court-adjourns-naira-marley-s-trial-till-oct-5](#)

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12 JUL 2021

### **Court Sentences Jails Two Internet Fraudsters**

The Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes, EFCC, on Monday July 12, 2021 secured the convictions of two internet fraudsters before Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court, Benin City.

The convicts, Ehigiator Emma Kennedy and Idoko Enape Onakpa were arraigned on separate one count charge of personation contrary to and punishable under section 484 of the Criminal Code Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (as applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under the same section.

The charge against Onakpa reads: "that you Idoko Enape Onakpa (alias Mathew Lawrence) between 7th September, 2012 to 9th October, 2012, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did with intent to defraud one Harvath Alexanda and Anete Losberga (white ladies) of their hard earn money, falsely represented yourself to be a citizen of the United States of America but living in UK by sending fraudulent/scammed mails and pictures on your Yahoo mail account Mathewlawrence89yahoo.com to them through the internet which pictures and identity you claim to be yourself and thereby committed an offence".

The defendants pleaded guilty to the respective charge.

In view of their plea, the prosecution counsel, Isa .K. Agwai prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly.

Justice Ikponwonba convicted and sentenced Onakpa to (3) years imprisonment or a fine of N500,000 while Kennedy bagged 12 months imprisonment or a fine of N200,000.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[court-sentences-jails-two-internet-fraudsters](#)

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9 JUL 2021

### **16 Arrested for Alleged Internet Fraud in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office, have arrested sixteen suspected internet fraudsters in Enugu. The suspects include Anichebe Christoper, Coleman Agboutoroubeine, Madubuko Chidubem, Onyima Humphery, Johnson Onyima, Chibueze Michael, Kingsley Chukwudinma, John Ugochukwu, Chiakwa Humphery, Stanley Enem, Ifejieme princewill, Nwobodo Stanly, Egwu Somto Collins, Nwobodo Emmanuel, Emmanuel Okechukwu and Anua Ifeanyi Tochukwu.

They were arrested in the Agbani area of Enugu on Friday July 9, 2021 following credible intelligence on their alleged involvement in cybercrimes and other related activities.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

[16-arrested-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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8 JUL 2021

### **Cybercrime: Unilorin Final-year Student Bags 3 years Imprisonment Over N35m Fraud**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Thursday, July 8, 2021 sentenced Giwa Nurudeen, a 25-year-old final year student of the University of Ilorin, to three years imprisonment having found him guilty of offences bordering on internet scam.

He was arraigned today by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on a three-count charge of internet fraud.

Giwa, a native of Ibadan, ran into problem on May 4, 2021 when operatives of the EFCC received credible intelligence about the activities of some suspected internet fraudsters operating around Tanke Area of Ilorin, an action which led to his arrest.

Count 2 of the charge reads: "That you, Giwa Nurudeen, sometime between the month of January, 2020 and December, 2020 at Ilorin, Kwara State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did knowingly had under your control the sum of N30, 317, 697.00 (Thirty Million, Three Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Seven Naira) in your account number 2077856979 domiciled with United Bank for Africa Plc. which you knew to be unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 319A of the Penal Code."

He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Upon his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sesan Ola, led Idam Chukwuemeka, an operative of the EFCC to review the facts of the case. In his evidence, Idam narrated how Giwa was arrested based on intelligence report. He told the court how investigation unearth a whopping sum of N35million suspected to be proceed of crime in one of his accounts.

In his statement, Giwa confessed to have acted as picker for other suspected internet fraudsters who are still at large. His confessional statements, iPhone 12 and a draft of N200,0000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) were tendered and admitted in evidence.

Delivering judgment on the matter, Justice Oyinloye said, "I have carefully considered the evidence of the prosecution, the plea of the defendant and the exhibits tendered. This court holds the view that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt in line with the provisions of Section 130 of the Evidence Act. I hereby convict you on count 1, 2 and 3."

Consequently, Giwa was given one-year custodial sentence at the Correctional

Centre on each of the three counts, which would run concurrently. The judge also gave the convict option of fine of N100, 000 on each of the counts, which amounts to N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira Only).

In addition, the court ordered the forfeiture of the convict's iPhone 12, a draft of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira Only) and the sum of N231,000 (Two Hundred and Thirty One Thousand Naira Only) found in his account domiciled in United Bank for Africa, UBA, to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[cybercrime-unilorin-final-year-student-bags-3years-imprisonment-over-n35m-fraud](#)  
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8 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails Three for Internet Fraud in Makurdi**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Makurdi Zonal Office on Thursday July 8, 2021 secured the conviction of one John P adre Akor and one Aondoaver Aondoseer,

before Justice Abdu Dogo of the Federal High Court sitting in Makurdi, Benue State on one-count separate charge bordering on criminal impersonation and obtaining money from foreign nationals under false pretence.

The offence is contrary to Section 33(5) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under the same Act.

The charge against Akor reads, "That you, John Padre Akor Nigerian, male, adult, on or about the 22nd day of September 2020 in Makurdi, Benue State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud one John Smith of the United States of America, obtained control over a card as security for debt and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 33(5) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015".

The charge against Aondoseer reads: "That you, Aondoaver Aondoseer, Nigerian, male, adult, on or about the 22nd day of September 2020 in Makurdi, Benue State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with the intent to defraud one John Smith of the United States of America, obtained control over a card as security for debt and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 33(5) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015".

The defendants pleaded 'guilty' when the charges were read to them.

Prosecution counsel, Rahmaiha Ikhanaede reviewed the facts of the case and urged the Court to convict them accordingly.

However, counsel to convicts, Ibrahim Mari, prayed the Court to temper Justice with mercy, adding that the defendants were remorseful and have learnt their lessons.

In separate judgements, Justice Dogo convicted and sentenced the defendants accordingly.

Akor was sentenced to three (3) years imprisonment with an option of fine of N1.5million. A 2015 model GLK 350 4matic Mercedes Benz SUV and OPPO Model Phone with IMEI No. 868057055645775 and 868057055645767 recovered from him and believed to be proceeds of crime were ordered forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Similarly, Aondoseer was sentenced to two (2) years imprisonment with

an option of fine of N1 Million. His Samsung S10 Plus phones with IMEI No. 3546521037200421 and 354653103720429 was forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

In a related development, Justice Dogo also convicted and sentenced one James Simon Favour, to three months imprisonment with an option of N100, 000 Naira fine, for fraudulently obtaining N787,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand Naira only) from one Ojile Daniel Sunday through a fraudulent investment scheme.

The charge on which the defendant was convicted reads, "That you James Simon Favour on the 17th July, 2020 in Makurdi within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud did obtain the aggregate sum of N787,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Naira only), via bank transfer from one Ojile Daniel Sunday GT Bank Account No. 0591744168 to your GT Bank Account No. 0251143410 and First Bank Account No. 3139094982 under the pretence that you would place it in a GT Bank fixed deposit at 75% interest which 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 press release includes photos of two of the 419ers:

[court-jails-three-for-internet-fraud-in-makurdi](#)

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8 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters Six Years in PortHarcourt**

Justice E. A. Obile of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters: Jonathan Collins and Godspower Ofonime to six years imprisonment for internet-related offences.

Upon their arraignment by the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on July 6 and July 7, 2021, Collins and Ofonime respectively pleaded "guilty" to the charges preferred against them. While Collins pleaded "guilty" to two-count charges, Ofonime pleaded "guilty" to one-count charge, all bordering on impersonation and obtaining money by false pretence, contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) ( ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention etc.) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act.

One of the charges against Collins read: "That you Jonathan Collins (Alias Janis Louise Hughes; Allan Carmack Calluk; Dr. James Lattimore) sometime in Sapele, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate yourself on the internet as Janis Louise Hughes, a white man from Glenville, North Carolina, USA with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting men and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22 (2) (b)( ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, etc.) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act".

The lone count against Ofonime read:

"That you Godspower Ofonime Timothy on or about the 26th day of January 2021, at Choba in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate yourself on the internet as an Army officer and also an Engineer residing in Turkey with intent to defraud and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22 (2) (b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention etc.) Act 2015 and Punishable under section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act."

In view of their pleas, prosecution counsel, M. T. Iko, prayed the court to convict and sentence them accordingly. However, counsel to the two defendants: W. B. Idema and Panla Abudu pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy. According to them, the defendants are first-time offenders with no previous criminal records and have promised not to get themselves involved in internet fraud activities again.

Justice Obile convicted and sentenced Collins to two years imprisonment on each count with an option of fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100, 000.00) only. He also ordered that the red coloured HP laptop with serial number 3CE236SHP and three Nokia Phones used in committing the offense be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria, The convict shall also undertake in writing to be of good behaviour and law abiding.

The judge also convicted and sentenced Ofonime to two years imprisonment with an option of fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200, 000) only.

Collins' journey to the Correctional Centre began when the EFCC worked on some discreet intelligence linking him with internet fraud. Investigations showed that he was posturing as a female American (Janis Hughes) from Glanville, North Carolina and Allan Carmack Kalluk from Nunavut, Canada and in the process defrauded his victims of various sums of money.

On his own part, Ofonime ran into trouble when verified intelligence by the EFCC linked him with sending scam mails to his victims, who are mostly foreigners. He falsely presented himself as a Turkish Army officer and Engineer. He was active on Goggle Hangout and benefited from his victims through PayPal account.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[court-jails-two-internet-fraudsters-six-years-in-portharcourt](#)

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8 JUL 2021

### **Be Change Agents, EFCC Charges Youth Corps Members**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on July 8, 2021 charged Nigerian youths to enlist as foot soldiers and change agents in the fight against economic and financial crimes in the country.

Muhtar Bello, Head, Benin Zonal Office stated this during a sensitization lecture with members of the National Youth Service Corps NYSC/EFCC anti-corruption CD groups in Asaba, Oshimili South local government area, Delta State.

The Benin Zonal Head who was represented by Williams Oseghale of the Public Affairs Department, said rather than complain about corruption and its consequences on the society, the youths should support the Commission in its efforts to rid the society of economic and financial crimes. He said it was disheartening that some youth have chosen to embrace cybercrimes as a means of livelihood. He said internet fraud was not a sustainable way of life and the Commission will continue to arrest and prosecute those found culpable.

He commended the corps members for joining the Anti-Corruption CD group and urged them to be role models and good examples in integrity, transparency and accountability. "As members of the EFCC/NYSC Anti-Corruption CDS group, we encourage you to be good examples. We encourage you to establish integrity clubs in schools where you are serving, and where there are integrity clubs, we encourage you to enhance its effectiveness. Let the students in your school embrace the right values. Let them know that hard work pays and that there is no short cut to success."

The press release includes a photo:

[be-change-agents-efcc-charges-youth-corps-members](#)

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8 JUL 2021

### **Court Convicts Two for Internet Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC Abuja Zonal Office today June 8, 2021 secured the conviction of the duo of Obadare Obayemi (alias Nancy Jerry 82) and Chinasa Miracle Obida (alias James Hicks Hicks) before Justice C.L. Dabup of the Plateau State High Court, Jos for allegedly defrauding a certain Rose Kate (an American) and Mrs. Jivelyn Senerpida, (a Filipino) of the sums of \$929 USD and \$1,052USD respectively.

The convicts pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them by the EFCC.

In view of their 'guilty' plea, Counsel to EFCC, S.N. Robert urged the court to convict and sentence them.

Justice Dabub convicted and sentenced Obida to three months, and Obayemi to one month in prison. However, the Court also gave them the option of fine of N180, 000 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira and N130,000 (One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Naira) respectively.

The press release includes a photo of both 419ers:

[court-convicts-two-for-internet-fraud](#)

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8 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters In Benin**

Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court, Benin City, today July 8, 2021 convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters, Theophilus Marvis Nnana and Samuel Oboh to two (2) years imprisonment each for fraud.

The duo were arraigned on one count charge each of impersonation contrary to and punishable under section 484 of the Criminal Code Cap 48 Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria (As applicable in Edo State) 1976 and punishable under the same section.

The charge against Nnana reads: "that you Theophilus Marvis Nnana (a.k.a Tony Gardner) on or about 9th day of March, 2021, in Benin City, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did with intent to defraud, falsely represented yourself to be Tony Gardner by using Facebook Account address via the email lifesweet636@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence".

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges.

In view of their plea, the prosecution counsel, Austin Ozigbu prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. However, counsel to the defendants, John Okhuihievbe and Bridget Ambrose pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

Justice Ikponwonba convicted and sentenced the defendants to two (2) years imprisonment each with an option of Two hundred thousand naira

( N200,000 ) fine.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[court-jails-two-internet-fraudsters-in-benin](#)

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7 JUL 2021

### **Jos Court Jails Three for Facebook Scam**

Justice C.L. Dabup of the Plateau State High Court sitting in Jos, today July 7, 2021 sentenced three internet fraudsters, Nbuuisi Kerian Ozomba, Paul Obide and Samuel Chukwuebuka Nduchukwe to one-month imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretence through the social media platform, Facebook.

The trio were arrested in a sting operation by the Abuja Zonal Office of the EFCC following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet-related scam.

Investigation revealed that Ozomba created a Facebook Account with the name James Hicks with a profile picture of an America military officer and obtained the sum of \$350 USD from Mary Lovely, a Filipino; while Obide (alias Javier Espinal) posed as a military officer from Spain and obtained \$2000 from another Filipino, Lovina. He claimed the said sum was for treatment of his sick daughter.

Nduchukwe also created a Facebook Account with the name Alpha Benedict of the United States Army serving in Afghanistan and used same to defraud Christy Serue from the Philippines of \$510.

They pleaded 'guilty' to the charges preferred against them.

EFCC counsel S.N. Robert urged the court to convict and sentence them in accordance with the plea bargain agreement they voluntarily entered with the Commission.

The Court consequently sentenced them to a month in prison. They were however given the option of a fine of N150, 000 naira each.

The press release includes a photo of the tree 419ers:

[jos-court-jails-three-for-facebook-scam](#)

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7 JUL 2021

### **Abuja Hair Stylist Convicted of Juju Scam**

Justice A.O. Musa of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja on Wednesday July 7, 2021 convicted and sentenced one Energy Dennis, a hair stylist, to five months imprisonment for obtaining \$110 from an American by false pretence.

Dennis (a.k.a Baba Dayo), falsely represented himself as a spiritualist (Babalawo) and obtained the sum of \$100 (One Hundred United States Dollars) from one Monica of the United States of America.

The offence is contrary to Section 320 (a) of Penal Code laws of the Federation of Nigeria (Abuja) 1990 and punishable under Section 322 of the same law.

Upon arraignment, the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. Consequently,

the prosecution reviewed the facts of the case, leading to the conviction of the defendant by the Court, which however gave him the option of N20,000 fine.

In addition to his sentence, the court also ordered that the money recovered be returned to the victim

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[abuja-hair-stylist-convicted-of-juju-scam](#)

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7 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Tasks Youth on Fight against Corruption**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has called on youth to go beyond the tokenism of public statements, to actively embracing the fight against cybercrime and corruption in Nigeria.

This disclosure was made on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 by the Port Harcourt Zonal Head of the EFCC, Assistant Commander of the EFCC, ACE 11 Aliyu Naibi while receiving representatives of the Niger Delta Students Union Government in his office. According to him, "the fight against corruption affects Nigerians the most and that is why the EFCC is in the forefront of making sure it is curbed. The effect of cyber crime puts Nigeria in a wavy sea. It loses its image, economy, employment, so, we are fighting cyber crime to help the economy". He challenged youths in the country to go beyond formal ceremonies of visits and making statements "it has to be realistic and practical, I want to see you organizing lectures, symposium to invite us to come and deliver lectures against cyber crimes", he said.

Naibi stated that the EFCC's chairman, Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa is interested in youth development and desirous of mobilising youths in the fight against corruption. "Youths are very strong people to sensitise the public about the evils of cyber crimes. Cyber crimes affect the image of the country, if left unchecked. And when you talk about the image, you are talking about investment, investment affects the economy, the economy affects employment and employment affects the youths. You can see the linkage. So, It is important that youths get involved in the fight against cyber crimes". he said.

Earlier, National President, Niger Delta Students Union Government, NIDSUG, Comrade Maaloo Dgreat, commended the EFCC in its fight against corruption within the Niger Delta region especially "tackling of cyber crimes which is rampant in Nigerian Universities. Cyber crime is on the increase on our campuses and this is one of the things we want to bring to you, on how we can go about giving a digital value, real reorientation programme that will help curb or reduce or even neutralize it".

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-tasks-youth-on-fight-against-corruption](#)

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7 JUL 2021

### **Court Jails 12 Students 2Years for Internet Fraud in Enugu**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office

on Tuesday July 6, 2021 secured the conviction of 12 students before Justice I.M Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu on charges bordering on forgery, impersonation and obtaining money from unsuspecting foreign nationals under false pretences.

They were prosecuted one separate one count charge.

The charge preferred against one of the defendants reads, "that you Mbanugo Ifeanyi on or about the 10th Day of March 2021 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated on Ornale Sylvestermada and Venita, through a fake Telegram account, with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3) (a)(b) of the Cybercrimes Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act,2015 and punishable under section 22 (4) of the same Act".

The convicts: Izuchukwu Chukwuemeka Goodness,Okechukwu Ifeanyichukwu, Nwabueze Ifeanyi,Egbo Chijioke Gerrard, Ekene Oputa,Iloegbunam Justine, Edeh Chukwuebuka Michael, Edeh Izuchukwu Dominic, Iloegbunam Paschal Onyeka, Ogu Chukwuebuka Kingsley, Mbanugo Ifeanyi and Edeh Emmanuel pleaded guilty to the separate one count charge.

Justice Buba convicted and sentenced them to two (2) years imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine each.

The press release includes photos of six of the 419ers:

[court-jails-12-students-2years-for-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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5 JUL 2021

### **Two Bag 2 Years for Internet Fraud in Enugu**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Enugu Zone on Monday July 5, 2021 secured the conviction of one Bernard Femi Pedro before Justice I.M Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu on a one count charge bordering on criminal impersonation and obtaining money under false pretences from foreign nationals.

Femi was arrested by operatives of the EFCC following credible intelligence on his alleged fraudulent activities.

The charge against him reads, "That you, Bernard Femi Pedro sometime in March 2021, in Enugu within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, fraudulently impersonated one Rodrigo Santos from Mexico by means of your Techno WX4Pro through your fake hangout account with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3) (a) (b) of cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under section 22(4) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him. Prosecution counsel, N.S Ingawa reviewed the facts of the case and urged the court to convict him accordingly.

Justice Buba convicted and sentenced Bernard to two years imprisonment with an option of One Million Naira fine.

Record of his conviction is to be sent to his school, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa, Anambra state.

In a similar development, Justice Buba also convicted and sentenced one Osita Kenechukwu Igwemmadu to 2 years imprisonment with an option of one Million Naira fine, for impersonation and obtaining money under

false pretences.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[two-bag-2-years-for-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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5 JUL 2021

### **Six Arrested for Alleged Internet Fraud in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office, have arrested six suspected internet fraudsters in Enugu. Four of the suspects: Obodoechina Caleb Chinedu, Offiah Darlington, Okwuosa Joseph, Kenneth Obi and Obinna Patrick were arrested on Thursday July 1, 2021 in a sting operation at No 2 Umuaba Street, New Haven Extension, Enugu, while two others, Chidera Owo and Ozuma Chukwuemeka Henry were nabbed on June 30, 2021 at No.6 Nwokolo Emene, besides Annunciation Hospital, Enugu. Their arrest was facilitated by credible intelligence received by the Commission regarding their alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include mobile phones, laptop computers, one Lexus ES 350 2011 model car with the registration number YAB-36-TT belonging to Offiah Darlington; a black Toyota Venza Car 2007 model belonging to Ogonna Patrick and a Toyota Camry 2007 model belonging to Obinna Patrick.

Other recovered items include one I phone X mobile phone and a RX330 Lexus SUV with Chassis number JTJHA31U040014 belonging to Frankiln Chidera Owo and an iPhone 5, iPhone 11 pro, Infinix phones and an Acura ZDX car with registration Number ABJ-611-DS belonging to Ozuma Chukwuemeka Henry.

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

The press release includes photos of two of the alleged 419ers:

[six-arrested-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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5 JUL 2021

### **Court Convicts Fraudster in Kano**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Monday, July 5, 2021 secured the conviction of one Suleiman Alexander Adeze before Justice Jane Egienanvan Inyang of the Federal High Court sitting in Kano on one count charge of retention of proceed of crime contrary to section 17(b) of EFCC Establishment Act, 2004.

Trouble started for the convict after the Commission received intelligence that a group of cyber criminals, operating around Bayero University Kano were engaged in fraudulent activities online and swindling foreigners of their hard earned money through deception.

Upon arraignment on Friday, July 1, 2021 the convict pleaded guilty to the one count charge and the court convicted him accordingly but reserved sentence till today, July 5.

The guilty plea entered by the convict was sequel to a plea bargain agreement with the Commission.

In her judgement, justice Inyang sentenced the convict to a fine of N100,000.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[court-convicts-fraudster-in-kano](#)

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5 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Nightclub Owners for Alleged Internet Fraud in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested two suspects for alleged internet fraud and money laundering.

The suspects, Boniface Odenigbo Amandianeze and Olasunmbo Olawale Winfunke, owners of Buzz Bar, a nightclub located on Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, were arrested recently at No 2A and 2B Oniru Estate, Lagos.

Their arrest followed credible intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged involvement in romance scam, business email compromise, benefit scam, credit card fraud and money laundering.

Upon their arrest, four exotic cars, mobile devices, laptop computers, jewelry and wrist watches worth hundreds of millions were recovered from them.

Further investigations have also established nexus with other associates who are suspected to be in to computer-related fraud.

They will soon be charged to court

The press release includes photos of both alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-nightclub-owners-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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5 JUL 2021

### **Lagos Boy Jailed One Month for Internet Fraud in Kwar**

Justice Mahmood Abdulfafar of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin on Monday, July 5, 2021 sentenced a Lagos based 20-year-old boy, Oke Gideon, to 30 days imprisonment having found him guilty of offences bordering on romance scam and internet fraud.

The long arm of the law caught up with Gideon on May 4, 2021, when he was arrested by operatives of the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, following intelligence reports on his criminal activities.

Upon arrest, he was profiled and volunteered statements, admitting to committing engaging in dating scam, love scam, and other internet-related offences.

He was consequently arraigned in court on July 2, 2021 on two counts, to which he pleaded guilty.

Count one of the charge reads.

"That you, Oke Gideon (Jenna Cherry) between August 2020 and September 2020 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, with intent to defraud, did obtain \$150 (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) worth gift from

one Bradley Miller under false pretense that you are Jenna Cherry, a white female from Las Vegas, United States of America, which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 1 (3) of Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

Following his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sesan Ola, led one Sarah Audu, an operative of the Commission, to review the facts of the case. Audu narrated how Gideon was arrested based on actionable intelligence on the activities of internet fraudsters operating within Ilorin metropolis. She tendered the confessional statements of the convict as well as fraudulent messages printed from his email, which were all admitted in evidence.

In his judgment today, Justice Abdulgafar convicted and sentenced Gideon based on his confessional statement, his plea to the charge and the exhibits tendered against him before the court.

However, the Judge gave the convict an option of fine of N50, 000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) and ordered that his iPhone 6 and HP laptop which were used as instruments in the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the 419er:

[lagos-boy-jailed-one-month-for-internet-fraud-in-kwar>/a>](#)

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5 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Four Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

The Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, July 5, 2021 arrested four (4) suspected internet fraudsters in Kubwa and Jahi areas of Abuja.

The suspects are Victor Wealth, Hendrix Esimeje, Merit Baretan and Moses Owoh.

They were arrested following credible intelligence received by the Commission on their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

Items recovered from them include 2 exotic cars and mobile phones.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded.

Phototos of all four alleged 419ers are included in the press release:

[efcc-arrests-four-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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4 JUL 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 14 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office on Friday, July 2, 2021 arrested 14 suspected internet fraudsters at Rumuodor Avenue, Ogbogoro, Port Harcourt, Rivers state.

The suspects: Goodness Wilson; Ezekiel James; Miracle Tom Charles; Timothy Anthony; Divinefavour Pius Reginald; Iheanacho Goodluck; Wokie Chimandu Chris; Emmanuel Uchechi; Peter Remigious; Joseph Chinedu; Amadi Angel; Wisdom Sotonye Azubuike, Becky Charles and Sokiepirim West, were all arrested based on verified intelligence by the EFCC. Preliminary investigations linked them with suspected

impersonation, possession of fraudulent documents and bitcoin scam.

Items recovered from the suspects include six vehicles : one Ford Escape Sports Utility Vehicle; two Toyota Camry cars; two Lexus ES 350 Sports Utility Vehicles and one Mercedes Benz car. Others are: 25 makes of phones; three Laptops; one smart watch; one Samsung hard drive; two power banks; one play station; one LG Television set; one audio victory sound and one LG Bluetooth and USB speaker.

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

[efcc-arrests-14-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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1 JUL 2021

## **Cybercrime: Court Jails Unilorin, Kwara Poly Students for Love Scam**

Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Thursday, July 1, 2021 convicted one Ganiyy Rasaq Olarewaju, a 300Level Student of University of Ilorin and one Olakunle Adebisi, an ND II student of Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin accused of love scam by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The anti-graft agency had on Monday, June 28, 2021 arraigned Ganiyy and Adebisi on one count separate charge, to which they pleaded guilty.

Upon their pleas, counsel to the EFCC, Sesan Ola called two witnesses - Dagogo Urowayino and Shetima Yusuf against Rasak and Adebisi, respectively to review the facts of the cases.

The two witnesses narrated how the defendants were arrested and tendered several fraudulent messages printed from their emails. The documents and the defendants' phones were later admitted in evidence, following which the judge adjourned until today for judgment.

In a separate judgment on the two cases, Justice Abdulgafar while relying on the evidence placed before the court, the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses and the plea of the defendants, pronounced them guilty and sentenced them accordingly.

While Adebisi was sentenced to six months, Ganiyy bagged one-month imprisonment, to be observed at Mandala Correctional Centre, Ilorin.

However, the judgment allowed the suspension of the sentencing for the two convicts. According to the judge, Adebisi would commence serving his term after two years when he must have graduated from the Kwara State Polytechnic, while Ganiyy sentencing would commence after one year when he must have finished his studies in the University of Ilorin.

The sentence is without option of fine for the two convicts.

The pres release contains photos of both convicted 419ers:

[cybercrime-court-jails-unilorin-kwara-poly-students-for-love-scam](#)

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30 JUN 2021

## **Court Jails Photographer for Internet Fraud**

Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State has convicted and sentenced Busayo Oniya to six months imprisonment for fraudulently presenting himself as an American, Linda Alex, to dupe his unsuspecting victims.

Oniya, 24, who claimed to be a photographer was arrested in Ilaro Ogun State on the strength of verified intelligence by the EFCC.

He was jailed on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 after pleading "guilty" to one- count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining money by false pretence, contrary to Section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act.

The charge reads: "That you Busayo Oniya sometimes between 18th May, 2017 and 20th November, 2019 within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently present yourself as a female by name Linda Alex to one Dennis Thompson from the United States, with intent to gaining momentary advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(2) (b) (i) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under section 22(2) (b) (IV) of the same Act".

In view of his plea, prosecuting counsel, Oluwatoyin Owodunni, prayed the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

Justice Agomoh convicted and sentenced him to six months imprisonment. He was ordered to restitute his victim Dennis Thompson, the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Three Thousand Naira (N863, 000) through the EFCC and also forfeit a Nokia mobile phone and one black-coloured Samsung S8 linked with the crime, to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo of the convicted 419er:

[court-jails-photographer-for-internet-fraud](#)

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29 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Six Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 arrested six suspected internet fraudsters, at No. 2 Elewovrks Close, off First Avenue by Las Vegas Bus Stop, Rumuibekwe, Port Harcourt, Rivers state.

The suspects: Kingsley Peters; Christian Ndibe; Kingsley Dominic; Marvin Dominic, Ogbonda Deric, and Morgan Chinda were all arrested based on verified intelligence by the EFCC. Preliminary investigations linked them with suspected internet fraud.

tems recovered from them include: one black- coloured Toyota Corolla car; seven different models of iPhones; two laptops; one black Asus; two ECOWAS international passports; one drivers license; three laptop chargers; two SIM cards; one black PS4 with two game pads; one white-coloured Casio wristwatch; one white/ash-coloured TP-Link router; one smart watch and a charger; one Samsung hard drive, one green Nigerian passport and one pink-coloured phone case

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-six-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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29 JUN 2021

**EFCC Arrests Eight Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office on Monday, 28 June, 2021 arrested eight suspected internet fraudsters, at Royal Palm Estate, Peter Odili Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The suspects: Ebitamuno Abereoku; Theophilus Monday; Godgift Clinton; Joshua Pina; Bright James Achesomie; Samuel Akunna, Ugbe John Paul and Harvey Orji were arrested based on verified intelligence by the EFCC. Preliminary investigations linked them with suspected bitcoin and romance fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include three exotic cars: one ash-coloured Lexus ES 350 car, one white- coloured Lexus RS 330 Sports Utility Vehicle, one white- coloured Land Cruiser Sports Utility Vehicle. Others are 11 different models of iPhones, 4 different models of other phones; 3 laptops; 3 zealot speakers; 2 smart watches, two ATM cards and one Identity Card.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-eight-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt-2](#)

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28 JUN 2021

**Kwara Court Remands Unilorin, Kwara Poly Students over Love Scam**

The Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, June 28, 2021 arraigned one Ganiyy Rasak, a 300 Level student of the University of Ilorin and one Olakunle Adebisi, an ND II student of the Kwara State Polytechnic on one count separate charge bordering on love scam before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

The charge against Ganiyy reads: "That you, Ganiyy Rasaan Olarewaju (Richard Hadden), sometime in May, 2021 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did attempt to cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Richard Hadden, a white female with a gmail account haddenrichard56@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code. "

Particulars of the charge against Olakunle read: "That you, Olakunle Adebisi, sometime in May, 2021 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did attempt to cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Anny Banana, a white female with a gmail account annybanana346@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code."

The defendants pleaded guilty.

Upon their plea, counsel to the EFCC, Sesan Ola led Dagogo Urowayino and Shetima Yusuf (both operatives of the Commission) to review the facts of the case against Rasak and Adebisi, respectively.

The two prosecution witnesses narrated how the defendants were arrested and tendered several fraudulent messages printed from their emails. The documents and the defendants' phones were later admitted in evidence.

Consequently, Justice Abdulgafar fixed Thursday, July 1, 2021 for judgement and ordered that Adebisi be remanded in a Correctional facility while Rasak was remanded in EFCC custody.

The press release includes photos of both 419ers:

[kwara-court-remands-unilorin-kwara-poly-students-over-love-scam](#)

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28 JUN 2021

### **Lady, Three Others Convicted for Over \$2000 Internet Fraud in Uyo**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Uyo Zonal Office on Friday, June 25, 2021 secured the conviction of four internet fraudsters, including a woman before Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu of the Federal High Court sitting in Calabar, Cross River state.

The convicts; Chibueze Charles Onwuneme (Alias Sa Idu Sani), Murphy Angba Obiabo (a.k.a. Kate Shawn), Obua Akwo Promise ( alias Davis Walter) and Happiness Otuedem Mayen were jailed after pleading guilty to charges bordering on criminal impersonation to defraud innocent citizens, following a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

Happiness Mayen, the female convict was sentenced to two months imprisonment for obtaining the sum of \$118 (One Hundred and Eighteen US Dollars) from one Leon Morawiec while falsely presenting herself as an American Military Personnel. She is also to forfeit her iPhone 6 and iPhone 11 to the Federal Government and retribute the sum of \$118 to her victim. She was however given an option of fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira.

The other convicts, Murphy Angba bagged three months imprisonment for defrauding an American, Linda Pumbo \$1000 (One Thousand US Dollars).The court ordered that he forfeits a HP laptop and an iPhone 11, being the instruments used in committing the crime to the Federal Government, and retribute his victim in the sum of \$1000.

He was however given the option of one month community service at the Court of Appeal, Calabar and a fine of Three Hundred Thousand Naira (N300, 000. 00).

Onwuneme got three months imprisonment for falsely posing as a foreign military personnel named SA Idu Sank, with intent to defraud. He was ordered to forfeit an Infinix X 625C mobile phone to the Federal Government or pay a fine of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira(N150,000. 00), and observe community service for one month at the Appeal Court, Calabar

Promise was sentenced to six months imprisonment for obtaining the sum of One Thousand US Dollars (\$1000) by false pretence. He was ordered to retribute the said sum to the victim through the Federal Government and also to forfeit one iPhone 7, one Mac book Pro laptop and one Itel phone to the Federal Government.

He was however given the option a fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira and one month community service at the Appeal Court Calabar.

The press release includes a photo of all four 419ers:

[lady-three-others-convicted-for-over-2000-internet-fraud-in-uyo](#)

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25 JUN 2021

### **Court Convicts Four For Fraudulent Impersonation In Ibadan**

The Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction and sentencing of four internet fraudsters in Ibadan, Oyo State.

The convicts are Adeyemi Opeyemi Joshua (a.k.a Godeaux Ellis Spencer), Ugwu Ekenedilichukwu David (a.k.a Christian Doria), Oluwatosin Samuel Olatunji (a.k.a Catherine Lana and Bashiru Toheeb Ayodeji (a.k.a Marie August).

They were arraigned on Friday June 25, 2021 before Justice Uche Agomoh of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, on separate one count charge for offences bordering on fraudulent impersonation contrary to Section 22 (2) (a) and 22 (2) (b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015, and punishable under Section 22 (2) (iv) of the same Act.

They pleaded "guilty" to the charges.

Consequently, the prosecuting counsel, Mabas Mabur, reviewed the facts of the case, and tendered in evidence the statements of the defendants and documents implicating them, which were admitted in evidence.

He, therefore, urged the Court to convict them accordingly.

Justice Agomoh convicted Adeyemi as charged and sentenced him to six months imprisonment; Ugwu, Olatunji and Ayodeji were convicted and sentenced to four months imprisonment each.

The judge also ordered Bashiru to retribute \$650 (Six Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars to victim of his fraud, and forfeit one Samsung S8 Duos Mobile phone and an iPhone X to the Federal Government.

Adeyemi is to retribute his victim of the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred United States Dollars) and forfeit one iPhone 6.

Ugwu was ordered to retribute the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand United States Dollars) to his victim, one Theresa Morales through the EFCC and forfeit one iPhone 7 Plus mobile phone and one grey-coloured iPhone 6 mobile phone to the Federal Government; while Olatunji forfeits an infinix Hot 5 mobile phone.

The press release includes photos of all four convicted 419ers:

[court-convicts-four-for-fraudulent-impersonation-in-ibadan](#)

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25 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Nabs Two for Cryptocurrency Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on June 17, 2021 arrested the duo of Kess Theophilus and Sunday Eshiebor Isaiah for alleged conspiracy, impersonation and cryptocurrency-related fraud.

Their arrest came on the heels of a petition by one Nalim Sharma who met the suspects through a LinkedIn account, Sophia Gomez, and was lured into a phony bitcoin business.

Beginning January 17, 2021, until they were arrested on June 17, 2021, she allegedly invested a cumulative sum of \$12,000 USD worth

of bitcoin with the suspects who claim to be bitcoin experts, plying their trade with the fake platform, Life Trade Option.

The complainant sensed fraud when the suspects suddenly severed all communications with her.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-nabs-two-for-cryptocurrency-fraud](#)

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25 JUN 2021

## **Court Convicts Four Cyber Criminals in Uyo**

The Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, on Thursday June 24, 2021, secured the conviction of four internet fraudsters before Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu of the Federal High Court sitting in Calabar, Cross River State.

The convicts: Eneji Emmanuel, (a.k.a Karen Moana, Buccly Clunder, Mainer Chic, Karen Klunder) Adie Stephen Udie (alias Laura Vazquze), Nwandike Kelechi (a.k.a Bradley) and Victor Francis (alias Donald Walter), pleaded guilty to separate charges bordering on love scam and obtaining by false pretence.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Segun R. Akinrinlade urged the court to convict them in accordance with the plea bargain agreement among the parties. The defence counsel, C.O. Bassey and Innocent Eze, pleaded with the court for leniency.

After listening to the Counsel, the judge convicted and sentenced the defendants as follows:

Eneji Emmanuel was sentenced to three months imprisonment for using a fictitious email (mainerchick19976@gmail.com) to register for the American Paycheck Protection (PPP) loan, a benefit meant for US citizens, and used same to defraud unsuspecting citizens of their hard earned money. He was however given an option of fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100, 000.00) to be paid into the Federal Government's account and community service at the Federal High Court and Ministry of Social Welfare Calabar, for a period of one month which must be supervised by the court and the EFCC.

While Adie Stephen was sentenced to six months imprisonment for fraudulently impersonating one Laura Vazquez, an American citizen, and Dave Daley, the court ordered that the items recovered from him which include a black Toyota Corolla car 2009 model (still unregistered), iPhone 7 and iPhone XS mobile phones, be auctioned and the proceeds paid into the Federal Government's account.

Nwandike Kelechi was sentenced to six months imprisonment with an option of Three Hundred Thousand (N300, 000.00) fine and one month community service. The court also ordered that the convict forfeits the following items to the Federal Government- iPhone 11 Pro Max and HP Intel(R) Core laptop.

Victor Francis was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment for fraudulently obtaining the sum of \$1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred US Dollars) from one Jean Judson. The convict was also given an option of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200, 000.00) fine plus one month community service. He is to forfeit an iPhone 11 to the Federal Government as well as retribute the victim in the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred US Dollars (\$1, 200).

After sentencing the convicts, Justice Ojukwu further ordered that they be

remanded at the Correctional Service facility in Calabar until they have paid the various fines pronounced by the court.

The convicts were arrested by operatives of the Uyo zonal office of the Commission in a sting operation on May 18, 2021.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-convicts-four-cyber-criminals-in-uyo](#)

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24 JUN 2021

### **Enugu Student Bags 2 Years for Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Enugu Zone on Thursday, June 24, 2021 secured the conviction of one Osondu Kevin Nnamere before Justice I.M. Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu, on a one count charge bordering on Criminal impersonation with the intent to defraud.

The defendant was arrested in a sting operation at the Independence Layout area of Enugu on Saturday June 4, 2021 following credible intelligence received on his alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The charge reads, "that you Osondu Kevin Nnamere on or about the 9th day June 2021 in Enugu within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, fraudulently impersonated one Mr. Gopa, a foreign national by means of your Samsung A20S, through a fake WhatsApp account ,with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3)(a) (b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition,Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act."

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him prompting the prosecution counsel, B.N Ajogwu to ask the court to convict him.

The defendant's counsel, E.M Ugwu pleaded with the judge to temper justice with mercy on the grounds that his client is a 21 year-old student who has become remorseful.

Justice Buba convicted and sentenced Nnamere to 2years imprisonment with an option of N250,000 ( Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) fine.

The press release includes a photo:

[enugu-student-bags-2years-for-fraud](#)

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23 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Enugu Arrests 10 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office, have arrested 10 suspected internet fraudsters in Enugu.

They were arrested on Tuesday June 22, 2021 in a sting operation at the Sunrise Estate Emene, Enugu following credible intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

The suspects allegedly specialize in defrauding unsuspecting members of the public including foreigners through the internet.

The suspects are: Onah Uchenna Paul, Ali Chidiebere Shedrack, Samson Ugwuoke, Ogbaru Chidozie Kingsley, Eneh Nelson, Ameh David Onwenchochi,

Orji Opara Chimaobi, Chukwudi Emmanuel, Alina Arinze and Tasie Henry Nzube.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones, laptop computers ,one Lexus ES 350 car with the registration number APP-331-GV belonging to Tasie Henry Nzube and a Toyota Corolla car with the registration number UWN-239-HN belonging to Onah Uchenna Paul.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-enugu-arrests-10-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

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22 JUN 2021

### **Student Bags 2 Years for Internet Fraud in Enugu**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Enugu Zonal Office today June 22, 2021 secured the conviction of one Onyia David Ugochukwu before Justice I .M Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu, on a one count charge bordering on criminal impersonation with the intent to defraud.

The suspect and his friends were arrested in a sting operation at the Independence Layout Area of Enugu on Saturday June 4, 2021 following credible intelligence received about their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The charge reads, "that you Onyia David Ugochukwu on or about the 9th day June 2021 in Enugu within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, fraudulently impersonated Mark Lousse and Jason Mollie, through a fake Facebook account and Hangout accounts, with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3) (a) (b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act."

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him prompting the prosecution counsel, Michael Ani to ask the court to convict him.

The defendant's counsel, E.O Isiwu pleaded for mercy on the grounds that his client is a 28 years old orphan and student who did not waste the time of the court and had become remorseful.

Justice Buba in his judgement lamented the increasing incidence of cybercrimes stating, "This court has observed that the offence of cybercrimes is on the increase in this jurisdiction. If this continues, Nigeria will be in jeopardy as many youths are embracing cybercrimes. This court states that poverty and orphanage are not enough reasons to engage in cybercrimes."

Justice Buba added that other countries with large population like India have low records of cybercrimes and drug related offences. He advised the accused person to use his intellect for good and sentenced him 2 years imprisonment with an option of N150, 000(One hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) fine.

[student-bags-2-years-for-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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21 JUN 2021

### **Court Convicts Architect, One Other For Impersonation in Abeokuta**

Justice Oluremi Oguntoyinbo of the Federal High Court sitting in Abeokuta, Ogun State, on Monday June 21, 2021, convicted the duo of Oluwole Gbenga

Caleb and Ayoola Oluwafemi for fraudulent impersonation. The offence runs contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (i) and is punishable under Section 22(2) (b) (IV) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015.

They were convicted on a separate one count charge of fraudulent impersonation preferred against them by the Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

Oluwole, 26, who claims to be an Architect, was arrested on February 9, 2021. In the course of investigation, a number of incriminating documents were recovered from his email,

Upon arraignment, he pleaded 'guilty' to the one count charge.

Justice Oguntoyinbo thereafter convicted and sentenced him to one month imprisonment. Apart from his conviction, Oluwole was also ordered to reconstitute the sum of Two Hundred United States Dollars (\$200) to the victim. The Court equally ordered the forfeiture of his Infinix mobile phone.

Similarly, Justice Oguntoyinbo convicted and sentenced Ayoola to three months imprisonment. He was also ordered to reconstitute the victim in the sum of Two Hundred United States Dollars (\$200) and also forfeit one Iphone 6 mobile phone and a Lexus RX 350 SUV car to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes photos:

[court-convicts-architect-one-other-for-impersonation-in-abeokuta](#)

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21 JUN 2021

### **Facebook Scammer Bags 10 Years in Sokoto**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Sokoto Zonal Office on Monday, June 21, 2021 secured the conviction of Murtala Abdullateef before Justice Malami Dogondaji of the Sokoto State High Court sitting in Sokoto on one count charge, for attempting to defraud foreigners through Facebook while presenting himself as a United States Army General serving in war-torn Syria.

The charge reads, "that you Murtala Abdullateef sometime in May, 2021 in Sokoto, within the Judicial Division of the High Court of Justice of Sokoto State, dishonestly hacked into Facebook accounts of several European women with intent to defraud them of their hard-earned monies wherein you represented yourself to them as a General in the U. S Army on a peace keeping mission in Syria and you thereby attempted to commit the offence of cheating contrary to Section 58 of the Sokoto State Penal Code Law 2019 and punishable under Section 311 of the same Law".

Upon arraignment, he pleaded guilty to the charge.

In view of the defendant's plea, the prosecuting counsel, Habila Jonathan asked the Court to convict and sentence him accordingly. However, the defence counsel, Shamsu Dauda, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy on the grounds that his client is a first time offender who had become remorseful.

Justice Dogondaji, thereafter convicted and sentenced Abdullateef to ten (10) years in prison with option of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200, 000.00) fine.

The convict's journey to prison began when he was arrested along with six other suspects on May 25, 2021 at Badariya in Birnin Kebbi

metropolis by operatives of Department of State Services (DSS), for suspected involvement in internet fraud. The other six suspects have been prosecuted and convicted on a separate charge.

The press release includes a photo:

[facebook-scammer-bags-10-years-in-sokoto](#)

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21 JUN 2021

### **Undergraduate in EFCC's Net Over \$4801 Internet-Related Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Kaduna Zonal office have commenced investigation into an alleged case of conspiracy, computer-related fraud and benefitting from proceeds of crime levelled against one Okhipo David, who claims to be an undergraduate.

David who was arrested on Monday, 15 March, 2021, had sometime in November 2012, presented himself as a staff of a new generation bank, requested for the account details of a complainant in order to update some information on the account. The complainant suspected fraud and refused to oblige his request.

But he let down his guard when another call came from the same telephone number in the same month, requesting for his token details. He volunteered the information without sensing danger.

However, moments after giving out the token details, the victim began receiving debit alerts on his Dollar account to the tune of \$4801.42. He later reported the incident to his bank but till date, no refund was made; hence the decision to seek the intervention of the EFCC.

Investigation revealed that the suspect used four other accounts for the illegal withdrawals and transfer from the complainant's account. The accused also conspired with his room-mate to use his account to receive money from the victim's account.

Documents suspected to be fraudulent were also recovered from his email.

The suspect will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[undergraduate-in-efcc-s-net-over-4801-internet-related-fraud](#)

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18 JUN 2021

### **Enugu Student Bags 2 Years Imprisonment for Internet Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office on June 18, 2021 secured the conviction of one Emmanuel Umahi (a.k.a Eddy Morem), a student, before Justice I.M Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu, Enugu State on one count charge bordering on Criminal impersonation with the intend to defraud.

The charge reads, "that you Emmanuel Umahi sometime in June 2021 in Enugu within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, fraudulently impersonated @eddy\_morem, a citizen of Croatia, using an Instagram Account, with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3) (a) (b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act."

The defendant pleaded guilty when the charge was read to him prompting the prosecuting counsel, Michael Ani to ask the court to convict him.

Justice Buba in his judgment decried the incidence of cybercrimes, saying "This court takes cognizance that cyber crimes is on the increase. No nation will develop if its youths continue in crime. This court warns the defendant to desist from cyber crime or face the maximum consequence when next he appears before this court."

The judge sentenced Emmanuel Umahi to 2 years imprisonment with an option of N150, 000(One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) fine.

The press release includes a photo:

[enugu-student-bags-2-years-imprisonment-for-internet-fraud](#)

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17 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Secures Convictions of Five Fraudsters in Sokoto**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Sokoto Zonal office on Thursday 17 June, 2021 secured the conviction of five internet fraudsters: Alfred Stephen, Onyebuchi Joseph Elijah ( a.k.a Svenulrich), Usman Mustapha, Abdullahi Abubakar (a.k.a Shine Eye) and Umar Khalifa on separate charges before Justice Muhammad Muhammad of the Sokoto State High Court, Sokoto.

They were prosecuted on a one count charge each bordering on conspiracy and cheating.

The charge against one of the defendants reads, "that you Alfred Stephen, sometime in 2021 at Sokoto, within the Judicial Division of the High Court of Justice of Sokoto State did fraudulently cheated one Grazyna, a Belgium national; Alfansina, an Italian and Janny, a Dutch woman by dishonestly deceiving them to collect the total sum of €19,500 Euros (Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Euros) by presenting yourself to them as an American serving in Syria and sending documents of false pretenses to them which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence of cheating contrary to Section 310 of the Sokoto State Penal Code Law 2019 and punishable under Section 311 of the same Law".

Upon arraignment, they pleaded 'guilty' to the separate charges.

In view of the defendants' plea, the prosecuting counsel, S. H. Sa'ad who appeared with Musa Mela Gwani and Habila Jonathan asked the court to convict and sentence the defendants.

However, the defence counsel, Shamsu Dauda, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as his clients were first time offenders who have become remorseful. He also told the court that the convicts are ready to retribute their victims.

Justice Muhammad, thereafter convicted and sentenced the 1st defendant (Alfred Stephen) to Five (5) years imprisonment with option of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N150,000.00) fine.

He ordered the convict to retribute the sum €19,500 (Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Euros) to the victim through EFCC.

The 2nd defendant, Onyebuchi Joseph Elijah (a.k.a Mr. Svenulrich) was sentenced to five years imprisonment with an option of N150,000.00 fine.

The convict is also to retribute the victim the sum of €1,750.00.

The 3rd defendant, Usman Mustapha was sentenced to five (5) years imprisonment with an option of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N150,000.00) fine.

He is to retribute the sum Five Thousand Denmark Krone which is equivalent to Three Hundred and Ten Thousand Naira only (N310,000) to the victim.

The 4th and 5th defendants, Abdullahi Abubakar (a.k.a Shine Eye) and Umar Khalifa were convicted and sentenced to Three years imprisonment each with an option of N100, 000.00 fine

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-secures-convictions-of-five-fraudsters-in-sokoto](#)

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16 JUN 2021

### **Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters 2 Years in Benin City**

Justice Efe Ikponmwonba of the Edo State High Court, Benin City, Edo State today June 16, 2021 convicted and sentenced the duo of Ohiaka .O. Henry (a.k.a Henryjarus) and Emmanuel Chigozie (a.k.a Frank Maxwell) to two (2) years imprisonment for fraud.

Chigozie and Henry were arraigned by the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on a separate one count charge of impersonating foreign nationals in an attempt to defraud the unsuspecting victims.

The charge against Chigozie reads: "You Emmanuel Chigozie ( a.k.a Frank Maxwell ) on or about the 22nd of February, 2021 at Kash Mamodu Street, Ekhei Girls Secondary School Road, Auchi Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did with intent to defraud falsely represented yourself as one Frank Maxwell ( a white male) by using a Gmail account address FrankMaxwell47@gmail.com. an act of impersonation contrary to section 484 of the laws of Bendel State of Nigeria ( as applicable in Edo State ) 1976 and punishable under the same section."

The charge against Henry reads: "that you Ohiaka O. Henry on or about 7th March, 2021 in Edo State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, being a citizen of Nigeria , did with intent to defraud, falsely represented yourself as henryjarus (an American citizen ) with email: sgthenryjarus@gmail.com by sending fraudulent mails and pictures on hangout to Anna Vajciova , Natalie Cabell ( some white ladies ) which documents you claim emanated from the said (henryjarus) and hereby committed an offence of impersonation contrary to section 484 of the Criminal Code law, Cap 48 laws of Bendel State of Nigeria ( as applicable in Edo State ) 1979 and punishable under the same law."

They both pleaded guilty to the charges when they were read to them.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Austin .A. Ozigbo asked the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. However, counsel to the defendants, Pascal Ugbome, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as the defendants have become remorseful for their actions.

Justice Ikponmwonba convicted and sentenced Chigozie to two years imprisonment or a fine of N200,000 while Oshioke Henry was convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment or a fine of N100,000.

The convicts are also to forfeit their phones to the Federal government of Nigeria.

The press release includes photos:

9 JUN 2021

### **Son, Father in EFCC's Net for Alleged Internet Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, have commenced investigation into an alleged case of conspiracy, computer-related fraud, obtaining by false pretense and retention of proceeds of unlawful activities levelled against one Malik Giles Bakare.

He was arrested by officers of the Nigeria Police, Force CID, Alagbon, Lagos on May 31, 2021 and subsequently handed over to the EFCC for further investigation and prosecution.

Investigations revealed that he acts as a middleman, who connects internet fraudsters around the globe with pickers, and receives some percentage on every successful transaction from the proceeds of unlawful activities.

During the investigation, his father, Isa Bola Bakare, appeared at the Commission claiming ownership of a Range Rover car estimated at about N46 Million, which was recovered from his son.

He, however, could not provide a satisfactory account of how he was able to procure the vehicle.

Consequently, he has also been taken into the EFCC custody for further investigation.

Also recovered from the suspects are Iphone 12 Pro Max, Iphone 8 mobile devices as well as some incriminating items.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

8 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Six for Alleged Internet Fraud in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office, have arrested six suspected internet fraudsters in Enugu.

They were arrested in a sting operation at the Independence Layout area of Enugu metropolis on Saturday June 4, 2021 following credible intelligence received on their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The suspects are: Ugochukwu Onyia, Osita Henry, Ephraim Johnson, Osondu Kelvin Nnamere, Umahi Emmanuel and Ugochukwu Joseph.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones, laptop computers and one Lexus RX 350 2016 model SUV with registration number FST-579-FJ belonging to Ugochukwu Onyia. Others are, one Toyota Venza car with registration number LND-388-GQ; a Toyota Corolla car with registration number ENU-48-MW belonging to Osita Henry; one black Toyota Camry with registration number BWR-803-MK belonging to Ugochukwu Joseph; one Toyota Corolla with registration number ABJ-848-DF belonging to Johnson Ndubuisi Ephraim and other incriminating items.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are conducted.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-six-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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8 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 9 for Internet- Related Offences**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested nine suspected Internet fraudsters at Gwagwalada New Layout area of Abuja, FCT.

The suspects are: Teddy Agbam, Abdullahi Abdulsamad, Abdullahi Abdulrasheed, Ehije Miracle Julious, John Amajeh Stephen, Okorie Kalu Udo, Abrebor Promise, Abdulazeez Amin and Habib Abdulateef.

The arrest followed credible intelligence on the nefarious activities of the suspects.

Items recovered from them are laptops and mobile phones. They were also found with substances suspected to be Indian hemp and other drugs.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded.

[efcc-arrests-9-for-internet-related-offences](#)

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8 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 50 for alleged Internet Fraud**

The Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Friday, June 4, 2021, arrested 50 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects were arrested at Alaro Sango, Agbaje Ijokoro, and Apete Aladura areas of Ibadan, Oyo State following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

Thirty four of the suspects already indicted by the investigation are:

Badmus Abeeb, Ibrahim Ahmed, Adeyemo Babatunde, Abdulrashid Ajagbe, Olajide Okiki Peter, Hassan Yusuf Atanda, Yusuf Olasupo Salaudeen, Bello Ahmed Bamidele, Adewale Damilola Tosin, Kolawole Yusuf Olawale, Nicholas Ferdinand, Keshiro Olanrewaju, Falana Victor Dapo, Abogunrin Emmanuel, Bosun Tomiwa Tunde, Shelter Chibundo, Banjoko Idris, and Adebayo Akorede.

Others are: Awoyinka Afeez Ayodeji, Afonja Olarenwaju, Akingbade Taofeek, Ezekiel Adekunle, Ganiyu Sodiq, Abioye Abiodun, Ogunbayo Daniel, John Timileyin, Ominiya Daniel, Adeniyi Idris Sodiq, Joseph James, Adeyemi Segun Oluwaseun, Adeleke Rasheed, Saliu Tomiwa Rasheed, Itoro Edet Ime and Oseni Nasirudeen.

Some items used in perpetrating the crime were recovered from them.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-50-for-alleged-internet-fraud](#)

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7 JUN 2021

## **EFCC Arrests Seven suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested seven suspected Internet fraudsters in the Gwagwalada area of Abuja.

The suspects, Victor Chukwu, Abdulahi Mustapha, Promise Eze, Ozor Prince, Kolawole Bamisaye, Eze Daniel and Okona Chukwuemeka were arrested in the early hours of Sunday June 6, 2021 following credible intelligence received by the commission on their alleged involvement in internet-related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include phones and Laptops.

The press release includes photos of all 7 alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-seven-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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6 JUN 2021

## **EFCC Reveals Bawa's Facebook Account, Warns Impostors**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC wishes to inform the public that the following Facebook Groups and accounts: ABDULRASHEED BAWA. (EFCC CHAIRMAN) Public group, EFCC-BOSS Abdulrasheed, bawa 1, @abdulrasheed bawa, @Abdulrasheed Yahaya Bawa and @ Abdulrasheed Bawa purportedly belonging to the Executive Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa are fake.

The impostors behind the fake accounts are bent on deceiving unsuspecting Nigerians into believing that they are genuine Facebook accounts of the EFCC boss.

There are several fake social media accounts supposedly belonging to the EFCC chairman and despite repeated disclaimer, the figures behind the identity theft are unrelenting.

To foreclose further cloning of Bawa's Facebook account, the Commission is constrained to make public, the personal Facebook account of the EFCC chair.

Bawa has one Facebook account which is, @AbdulRasheed Bawa

Members of the public are enjoined to treat any other account supposedly belonging to the EFCC chairman as fake, and stop further dealings with such platforms.

The public should be guided and avoid the risk of falling victim of scam.

The press release includes a graphic:

[efcc-reveals-bawa-s-facebook-account-warns-impostors](#)

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5 JUN 2021

## **EFCC Arrests 53 For Alleged Internet Fraud In Lagos**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, have arrested 53 suspected internet fraudsters in Lagos.

They were arrested in sting operations in different parts of Lagos State between June 2, 2021 and June 5, 2021, following credible intelligence received about their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The suspects are: Oluwatosin Akintoku, David Raheem, Sanusi Ganiyu, Williams Tosin, Taoreed Quadri, Keye Abdulahi, Adeyemi Babatunde Abdulkarim, Olalinku Oluleye Adakore, Okunola Adeyemi Jaleel, Caston Dada Ayomide, Taoreed Qudus Oluwaseun, Ahmed Olaliku Ajayi, Zekery Okeme, Falana Adewole Ibrahim, Godpower Silvester, Adam Ariyo, Kelechi David Mokwe, Ifeanyi Matt, John Awajinomida Emiyaru, Olayiwola Oluwaseun, Adegbola Shola, Owolaga Toba, Azeez Oludare Sanni, Daniel Ojo, Billiqnin Olabanji Kunle, Ismail Omoniyi Aspen, Bankole Ademola Owolabi, Ayeni Samuel Segun, Emmanuel Chuks and Lukmon Yusuf Damilare.

Others are: Muhammed Yahaya Sodiq, Obinna Charles Emmanuel, Jaiye Oladayo Quadri, Onyeka Ode Valerial, Obanor Okechukwu Remond, Edozie Anozie, Eddie Smith, Nsikak Linus Okose, Stanley Chinemerem Nnanna, Isaac Bunna, Obinna Nwabueze, Kingsey Ezeagba, Diamond Samson, Courage Nduagbuise, Ahmed Kasim, Bernard Boafu, Etikereentse Samuel, Samson Ujboje, Abesin Emmanuel, Ussaini Mohammed Leeba, Kazeem Kolawole Lasisi, John Peter Obienyi and Olabisi Daniel.

Items recovered from the suspects include mobile phones, laptop computers and passports.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-53-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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3 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Charges Schools Integrity Club Members On Internet Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has urged students of St. Joseph Secondary School, Agege, and Government College Secondary School, Victoria Island, Lagos, who are members of the EFCC Integrity Clubs in the schools, to shun any involvement in internet fraud and embrace the culture of integrity, a core value of the Commission.

Speaking to members of the EFCC/Secondary School Integrity Club members on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, the Lagos Zonal Head, Ahmed Ghali, admonished the students to always do the right thing at all times.

Ghali, who was represented by his deputy and Head of Procurement Fraud Session, PFS, Emeka Okonjo, expressed delight at the presence of the integrity club members, who were led by their coordinators, Achilefu Ikechukwu and Latifah Abdullahi to the EFCC Lagos Zonal Office.

He advised them to shun anyone that says easy money is the way out, adding that they must inculcate good morals and values that could help better their lives and the country as a whole.

In his remarks, the Head of Advance Fee Fraud, Sini John Omar who enlightened the students on the positive side and numerous advantages of the internet, also educated them on the importance of putting the Internet into the right use.

Omar, who stated that the internet could be used for education and research purposes, online banking and purchase of products, added that "as convenient as the internet may be, it can also be a tool for destruction and fraudulent practices."

Also speaking, Dein Whyte, Head, Cyber Crime Section, educated the students on the possible dangers and disadvantages of the internet.

According to him, the internet could be used to defraud people if adequate security measures were not taken.

He, therefore, admonished them to watch the company they keep, adding that bad communications could corrupt good morals.

While providing the students with hints on how to avoid being defrauded, Whyte stressed the need for them to protect their passwords and not get carried away by what they see on the internet.

“The things you see on the internet are mostly for likes and attention and do not depict dignity on how they were acquired.

They are often fake and not the reality.

"You are on the right path because you have a good foundation and you have no choice but to build on it and develop yourselves. You must also contribute your quota towards making Nigeria a better place," he added.

The students presented a talk show and also a short play on the activities of the EFCC as well as the challenges faced by the Commission.

The high point of the event was the presentation of an award to the Chairman of the Commission, Abdurashed Bawa, for the good work of the Commission.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-charges-schools-integrity-club-members-on-internet-fraud](#)

419 Coalition Comment: 419 Coalition was very interested in this article, and wholeheartedly endorses EFCC support for Integrity Clubs in Nigerian schools (we think such clubs in all schools everywhere, including the US would be a good idea, actually). As an interesting note: Some 20 years ago, 419 Coalition was asked to give a presentation at an annual meeting of the Association of Nigerians Abroad (ANA) held in Washington, DC. As part of its presentation, 419 Coalition suggested that it might be a good idea for Nigerian schools to include a mandatory Ethics course in their curriculum. This was roundly Boo-ed etc. by many conventioners, who were primarily highly educated Nigerian educators and professionals working in the US for whom the Coordinator of 419 Coalition had (and has) the greatest respect. Many felt insulted by the suggestion that there should be mandatory Ethics training in the Nigerian school system, it appeared. The conventioners continued to be upset even when the Coordinator of 419 Coalition said that it was his view that required Ethics courses would be a good idea in schools Everywhere, including in the US. Well, the Coordinator continues to believe that Ethics training in all school systems everywhere, Including in Nigeria, would be a Good Thing. Therefore, as above, we are a fan of the Integrity Clubs and welcome EFCC support for them. We think such efforts are Worthy and should be continued, and are glad the EFCC thinks so as well.

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2 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 11 for Alleged Internet Fraud**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 11 suspected internet fraudsters in Lagos.

The suspects are: Nwomkiro Ekene Jude, Olukoya Oluwadamilare Timilehin,

Akingbade Mubarak Ayoboye, Adeolu Kolawole Oluwajifemi, Nwankwo Tochuckwu Michael, Kehinde Timilehin Ajibola, Adesina Deji, Olalekan Abiola, Anthony Ekene Iwuji, Emeka Metuh and Oluwasegun Pelumi.

They were arrested on Monday, May 31, 2021 in the Alagbado area of Lagos State, following credible intelligence received by the Commission about their involvement in computer-related fraud.

Upon their arrest, items such as mobile devices, laptops and exotic cars were recovered from them.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-11-for-alleged-internet-fraud](#)

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1 JUN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 36 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 36 suspected internet fraudsters in some parts of Lagos State.

The suspects are: Segun Abiola, Gabriel Ebube, Amoo Tunmise, Anidugbe Mofoluwatu, Victor Enuesike, Precious Godwin, Oluwaseun Afolabi, Tolulope Amos, Jane Egonu and Precious Anizoba.

Others are: Abayomi Timileyin Olanrewaju, Adekunle Dipo Oshunsanya, Tang Jude, Ejobi Peter Prince, Kuti Adebayo, Fagbemi Micheal, Salau Oluwasegun, Bellow Adebayo Azeez, Lanre Awoniyi David, Damilare Kehinde Sikiru, Jayesimi and Samson Ismaila.

Others are Daniel Williams Udoh, Prince Chigozirim Emezue, Raheem Sodiq, Lucky Godday, Ismaili Akintayo Abiodun, Christian Chidera, Ezekiel William Ephagba, Collins Ahunobi Ndubuisi, Peter Odiegwu, Ojo Oluwadamilare, Abayomi Ademola, Otor Isaac Junior, Temitope Aiyelabowo, Daniel Oluwafemi and Chukwuebuka Iroulo.

They were arrested in different sting operations by EFCC operatives at Eastern Gorilla, Eko-Atlantic, Lagos on May 7, 2021; Alogba Estate, Ebute, Ikorodu, Lagos on May 19, 2021 and United Estate Sangotedo, Lagos on May 21, 2021, following credible intelligence about their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include cars, passports, laptops and mobile computers.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes many photos:

[efcc-arrests-36-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

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28 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests One for Money laundering, 7 Others for Internet Fraud**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested eight suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects are Tobiloba Aramide Ogundiyan, Samson Alabi Afolabi, Adebayo Dolapo Olumide, Daniel Boluwatife Akinwunmi, Moses Segun, Kelechi Thankgod Felix, Adeleke Godwin Tofunmi and Adewale Dayo Victor.

They were arrested on May 18, 2021, at River View Estate, Lekki, Lagos following credible intelligence received by the Commission on some individuals allegedly involved in computer-related fraud. Upon their arrest, items such as mobile devices, laptops, exotic cars and expensive jeweleries were recovered from them.

In the course of investigation, it was revealed that one of the suspects, Ogundiyan was also involved in money laundering. The suspect who acquired his ill-gotten wealth from internet fraud, layered the proceeds into bitcoin account and then integrated it by purchasing a Range Rover Vela P380 2018 model worth N44,000,000 (\$97,626 USD in bitcoin) sometime in March 2021.

The suspects have volunteered useful statements to the Commission and will be charged to Court soon.

[efcc-arrests-one-for-money-laundering-7-others-for-internet-fraud](#)

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25 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Rallies CSOs, NGOs, Media Against Internet Fraud**

The Head of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ahmed Ghali, has called on critical stakeholders in the anti-graft war to join hands with the Commission in tackling the menace of computer-related fraud in the country.

He made the appeal on Wednesday, May 25, 2021 in Lagos during an engagement with critical stakeholders from the Civil Society Organisations, CSOs, Non-Governmental Organisations, NGOs and the media.

Ghali said the engagement with the stakeholders was a fallout of the increasing spate of cybercrime in the country.

According to him, "There is the urgent need to reach-out to critical stakeholders in the society on the growing issue of internet fraud in Nigeria, because computer-related fraud has taken a very dangerous dimension with its attendant consequences."

He stressed that the EFCC, as the lead anti-corruption agency driving the fight against corruption and economic and financial crimes in Nigeria, does not have "the monopoly of knowledge on how to tackle this hydra-headed monster of internet fraud.

"So, we need your support to sustain the fight."

Speaking during the event, Olufemi Lawson, a member of the Centre for Public Accountability, said: "I don't agree with those who attribute the increasing cases of internet fraud to poverty; but the truth is that, a lot of parents are no longer taking their responsibilities as parents seriously".

He also called for corruption prevention actions aimed at "catching them young."

While calling for value reorientation, Lateepha Abdulsalam, from Impact Africa Initiative, said: "Parenting is a big deal, and we definitely need to catch them young."

Efe Anaughe, representing AML/CFT CSO Forum, said there was a need for Nigerians to own the war against corruption.

"It is a collective effort. So much has gone wrong and we all must be involved in the fight against cybercrime and corruption in general," she said.

Comrade Declan Ihekaire, a member of Activists for Good Governance, gave assurances that the CSOs and NGOs were ready to partner with the Commission in achieving its mission.

"We are ready to give the EFCC the necessary backup, in order to strengthen your corruption prevention strategy," he said.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-rallies-csos-ngos-media-against-internet-fraud](#)

419 Coalition Comment: Gee, ya know, nobody "rallied" us, and we've been a counter-419ing NGO since Before there even WAS an EFCC. In fact, we are the world's oldest counter-419ing NGO still operating. We were there all the way back when the Nigerian government's Official policy was to Blame the Victims for 419, calling all the victims criminals etc. etc. We were instrumental in changing all of that of course, thank God. But has the Nigerian government ever "rallied" us or mailed us along a medal or even a certificate of appreciation or even sent a dollar or two our way in appreciation and support of our efforts? Well, we reckon you know the answer to that :) So... We work, we wait :)  
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24 MAY 2021

### **Four suspected Internet fraudster Arrested in Benue**

The Makurdi Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday May 18, 2021 arrested four suspected fraudsters at a popular Hotel in Makurdi, Benue State.

The suspects: Igba Simon, Edigbo Oibe Fredrick, Sunday Nazareth and one other, were rounded up by operatives of the Commission sequel to credible intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

At the point of arrest, Simon Igba was in possession of a Toyota Corolla car recently acquired and an iPhone X. More iPhones, Macbook Air and Modems, were among items recovered from the remaining suspects.

They will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes photos:

[four-suspected-internet-fraudster-arrested-in-benue](#)

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24 MAY 2021

### **Six Suspected Internet Fraudsters Arrested in Enugu**

Operatives of the Enugu Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, May 24, 2021 arrested six suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects are Tochukwu Okoro, Okechukwu Ejechie, Nwankwo Okeke, Edeh Emmanuel, Emeka Chukwunonso and Kenechukwu Ekunie.

They were arrested at Bricks Estate, Independence Layout, Enugu based

on credible intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

A Toyota Camry car with registration number YAB 418 AZ was recovered from Tochukwu Okoro while other incriminating materials including laptops and mobile phones were recovered from the other suspects.

The suspects will be charged to Court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[six-suspected-internet-fraudsters-arrested-in-enugu](#)  
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20 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Club Owner, 14 Others For Alleged Internet Fraud In Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested a club owner, Emeka Williams Kingsley, alongside 14 other suspected internet fraudsters in Lagos.

Kingsley, owner of Glass House, a club in the Abule Egba area of Lagos, was arrested alongside Adesoye Hussain Kehinde, Seun Joseph Adefala, Adebayo Gbadebo, Adebogun Olumuyiwa Adebowale, Aruna Ikoghane Odunayo, Israel Oluwatoyin, Junaid Idris Oladimeji, John Nnachi Ugochukwu, Oluwadare Olaiyan Aboderin, Ridwan Temitope Dada, Amosu Johnson Toby, Jimoh Kazeem Tunde, Oyemade Michael and Akeem Dada.

They were arrested on April 15, 2021 at the Club, following credible intelligence gathered about their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include cars, mobile phones and laptop computers.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release contains photos of all 15 alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-club-owner-14-others-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)  
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19 MAY 2021

### **Cybercrime: EFCC, Brazil to Strengthen Collaboration**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and Brazil have resolved to strengthen collaboration in tackling issues related to fraud, cybercrime and a number of trans-national organized crimes affecting the economies of Brazil and Nigeria.

This indication emerged on Wednesday May 19, 2021 when the EFCC Chairman, Abdulrasheed Bawa paid a courtesy visit to the Brazilian Embassy, Abuja.

The EFCC boss who was received by the Brazilian Ambassador, Ricardo Guerra de Araujo, expressed regret about the activities of fraudsters targeting foreigners and foreign businesses, which he said posed a threat to the image of Nigeria and the quest for direct foreign investment.

Recalling the efforts of the Commission in helping to smash a Nigerian fraud syndicate that defrauded a Brazilian bank in the early 2000, Bawa assured that the Commission would work together with the embassy in tackling the menace of fraudsters.

In his remark, Ambassador Araujo noted that he has been in Nigeria long enough to know that only a few Nigerians were involved in fraudulent activities.

He however expressed regret that the activities of the unscrupulous tiny minority was distracting him from his primary mission of promoting trade relationship between Nigeria and Brazil.

He therefore appealed to the EFCC to assist in checking the activities of fraudsters targeting Brazilian businesses.

Consequently, the parties agreed to strengthen law enforcement-to-law enforcement interaction by designating desk officers, to enhance the exchange of information.

The EFCC boss was accompanied on the visit by the Director of Legal and Prosecution, Chile Okoroma, Director of Operations, Abdulkarim Chukkol, among others.

The press release includes photos:

[cybercrime-efcc-brazil-to-strengthen-collaboration](#)

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19 MAY 2021

### **Movie Producer, 19 Others Arrested for Alleged Internet Fraud in Calabar**

Operatives of the Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday May 18, 2021, arrested one Emmanuel Eneji, a 23-year-old movie producer and nineteen others for alleged internet fraud in Calabar, Cross River State.

The nineteen suspects whose ages range between 19 and 36 are: Okonkwo Chukwudi Charles, Obua Akwo Promise, Angba Murphy, Adie Stephen, Success Otu Edem, Asukwo Emmanuel, Godspower Akwo, Anibiet Nna, Jesam Akpama and Dennis Jerry.

Others include, Princwill Sunny, Godbless Olulu, Charles Onwuneme, David Njoku, Victor Francis, Goodluck Alabo, Happiness Otu, Nwadike Kelechi and Obasi Ugochukwu.

The suspects were picked up at different locations within the state capital, namely Ekorimim, Ifete junction, Parliamentary by Car Park and Behind Zone 6 by Monty Suit.

Their arrest was facilitated by credible intelligence regarding their nefarious activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include, one unmarked black Toyota Corolla car, one red Toyota Avalon with registration number-CHR 56 AF, various sophisticated mobile phones, laptops, one WiFi Router, one Modulator-demodulator and flash drives.

The suspects will be charged to court as soon as the Commission concludes investigation.

The press release includes photos:

[movie-producer-19-others-arrested-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-calabar](#)

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18 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Five Suspected Internet Fraudsters at Ilorin Airport**

Operatives of the Ilorin Zonal Office of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested five suspected internet fraudsters also known as "Yahoo-Yahoo Boys" for offences bordering on cybercrime at the International Airport, Ilorin.

The suspects are Oladosu Olakunmi Olamilekan, Olaoye Jamiu Olarewaju, Alimi Abiodun, Toheed Muritala and Afolabi Kamaldeen.

The arrest was sequel to intelligence obtained by the Commission about the arrival of the suspects who flew into Ilorin from Lagos on Monday, May 17, 2021.

Four of the arrested suspects are students of Kwara State University, KWASU, Malete, while the fifth suspect is a student of Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin.

Upon arrest, items recovered from them include a Mercedes Benz C300, mobile phones and a laptop computer.

The suspects have volunteered useful statements to the Commission and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-five-suspected-internet-fraudsters-at-ilorin-airport](#)

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18 MAY 2021

### **Army Deserter, 33 Others Arrested for Suspected Internet Fraud in Osogbo**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Ibadan Zonal Office, in the early hours of Tuesday, May 18, 2021 arrested a former soldier, Adebisi Jamiu and 33 others for suspected internet fraud.

The suspects were picked up in different locations in Osogbo, the Osun State capital.

The 22-year-old former soldier, Jamiu and the other suspects were arrested on the strength of verified intelligence on their alleged involvement in cybercrime.

The other suspects include Muritala Olaniyi Lateef, Wasiu Olajide, Wasiu Sadiq, Olaniran Abiodun, Ayodeji Tosin, Olaniran Tayo, Oginni Oluwaseun, Oginni Olatunde, Ojuade Oluwafemi and Ibrahim Wande.

Others are Oladiran Olayinka, Akinjobi Akinwunmi, Abayomi Aderohunmi, Olaoluwa Temitope, Idowu Olawale, Lawrence Taiwo, Ojo Gbenga, Tihamiyu Farouk, Oladele Seun, Akiniyi Boluwatife, Olaoluwa Mutiu, Olakunle Omolofe, Olalere Samad, Edbadon Johnson, Oketunbi Kayode, Gbeyide Tomiwa, Oluwanisola Elmuqsit, Bathlomew John, Ibikunle James, Olamide Oluwaseyi, Yusuf Mohammed, Adebola Ibrahim, and Ajayi Muyiwa.

The suspects have volunteered statements to the Commission and will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[army-deserter-33-others-arrested-for-suspected-internet-fraud-in-osogbo](#)

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17 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrest 10 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office on Friday May 14, 2021 arrested 10 (Ten) suspected internet fraudsters for various offences bordering on cybercrime in Enugu.

The suspects include Ben- Ihedi Lucky, Akam Abraham Odinaka, Kanu

Chinemerem, Ben-Ihedi Victor, Okechukwu Kelvin and Ben Ikedi Victor.

Others are Emenike Michael, Godswill Nkemjika, Emmanuel Samuel and Ehasor Emmanuel.

Their arrest at Monarch Avenue, Maryland, Enugu, was sequel to actionable intelligence obtained by the Commission on their alleged fraudulent activities.

At the point of arrest, two Lexus RX 350 cars with registration numbers BDG-736-GX and BDG-146-GX were recovered from the suspects.

Other incriminating materials recovered from them include various mobile phones and a laptop computer.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrest-10-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

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17 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Seven Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested seven suspected internet fraudsters in their hideout.

The suspects: Victor Ahamefula Chukwuemeka; Goodness Uwem; Kelvin Chukwuemeka; Charles Obulor; Emmanuel Uwem, Osinachi Ikegoruka Innocent and Uwem Ogadinma Solomon, were arrested on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, following series of established intelligence on their suspicious fraudulent dealings on the internet.

They were arrested at Mint Hotel, Okilton Drive, Off Ada George Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Items recovered from them include: Five (5) mobile phones, two (2) vehicles: one (1) Navy- blue coloured Lexus ES 350 car and one (1) ash-coloured Lexus RX350 Sports Utility Vehicle.

They will be arraigned in court as soon as investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-seven-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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13 MAY 2021

### **Fake EFCC Operatives Caught in Illegal Operations in Lagos ... Commission Warns Nigerians Against Impostors**

A gang of three fake operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission who embarked on an illegal operation purportedly to execute a fake Court Order have been arrested in Lagos.

Ghali Ahmed, Head of the EFCC Zonal Office in Lagos disclosed this today, May 13, 2021 at a press briefing in the Commission's office, Ikoyi, Lagos.

According to him, "The fraudsters were arrested at New Horizon Estate, Lekki, Lagos, in the middle of their illegal operation to 'serve' a Court

Order purported to have emanated from the Mushin Magistrate Court, on an unsuspecting victim."

The three-man gang of Pascal Ugwu Chijoke, Sodiq Ibrahim Adekunle and Edwin Bassey, a Police Inspector, posing as EFCC operatives allegedly stormed the residence of their target with all the paraphernalia of typical EFCC raid, wearing fake EFCC branded jackets and identity cards.

Ahmed warned Nigerians to be wary of impostors, using the good name of the Commission to extort unsuspecting targets. He urged citizens to be vigilant and report suspicious activities to the Commission.

He assured that the Commission is determined to stamp out the activities of impostors. "We will always be ahead of these fraudsters. If they fail to desist, they will face the music," he said.

The press release includes photos:

[fake-efcc-operatives-caught-in-illegal-operations-in-lagos-commission-warns-nigerians-against-impostors](#)  
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11 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Uncovers Fake Bawa's LinkedIn Account, Warns Nigerians**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission wishes to notify members of the public of the existence of a fake LinkedIn account, supposedly belonging to Abdulrasheed Bawa, Executive Chairman, EFCC.

The account which is promoted by an unknown impostor is unfortunately attracting unsuspecting followers desirous of networking with the Executive Chairman of the EFCC.

The Commission states that the account is fake and has no relationship with the EFCC Chair. Consequently, members of the public are warned to be circumspect and desist from further interaction with the impostor whose motives are sinister.

The press release contains a graphic:

[efcc-uncovers-fake-bawa-s-linkedin-account-warns-nigerians](#)  
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10 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 6 Suspected Fraudsters in Abuja**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested six suspected internet fraudsters. The suspects are Edesiri Epete, Roland Francis, Kelvin Eyeno, Adebayo Oloye, Edwin Ochuko and Jonson Godwin. Five of them were arrested between May 5 and 7, 2021 at a hideout in Shimex Estate, Pyakasa, Abuja, while the other was arrested at Queens Estate, Gwarimpa, Abuja.

The arrest followed actionable intelligence received by the EFCC, on their suspicious lifestyle, which is not supported by any legitimate means of livelihood.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the suspects are involved in romance scam on social media, using fake identities of Caucasian men or women to defraud unsuspecting victims of their hard-earned monies.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed.

The press release includes photos of all six alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-6-suspected-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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10 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 52 Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Benin City**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office, in the wee hours of Sunday, May 9, 2021 arrested 52 suspected internet fraudsters. The suspects were arrested in different locations in Benin City sequel to actionable intelligence.

Those arrested are Wisdom Attah, Alasa Solomon Osho, Jonathan Udofia, Emmanuel Udofia, Oyinbo Tejiri, Edoghogho Onsemudiana, Aisosa Ajayi, Paul Thomas Obinna, Osazuwa Osayamen, Madago Victor, Godwin Emmanuel, William Omorebokhae, Ezemo Junior, Iyamu Iyaro, Umoru Monsura, Efomwonyi Daniel, Omoruyi Lucky, Odion Omonzokpia, Aderho Collins, Ereomah Emmanuel, Eric Obi Ugo, Emmanuel Godwills, Solomon Lucky, Charles Endurance, Ehibor Abraham Ebuwa, Okosun Wesley and Oyase Destiny.

Others are Elvis Ohikhuore, Ugo Nweke, Faithful Omagbemi, Shuaibu McClinton, Edward Chumosa, Onoriode Precious, Emmanuel Precious, Adenegbe Hope Osaze, Kennedy Emma, Terry Edorodion, Edosa Rollins, Miller Ikuobase, Godwin Kelechi, Ogbolu Israel Uche, Okpodu Samson, Awosadere Daniel, Samuel Asenguah, Ugo Nweke, Charles Irengunju, ThankGod Udofa, Erickson Ororisela, Asemota Terry, Enaboakpe Robert, Odili Wisdom and Osawaru Martins.

Items recovered from the suspects include six exotic cars, laptop computers, mobile phones, documents and identity cards

The suspects will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-52-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-benin-city](#)

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7 MAY 2021

### **Scam Alert: EFCC Not Offering N1m Reward to Yahoo Yahoo Informants**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission wishes to inform the general public that it has not issued any notice in the social media promising financial reward for anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of a Yahoo Boy.

This clarification became necessary following phone calls by citizens wanting to cash in on notices in the social media by fraudsters promising a reward of One Million Naira (N1, 000,000) for friends, family and relatives of yahoo boys who hand them over to the EFCC.

The promo with #Efcc and #beagoodcitizen states, "If you have a Yahoo Yahoo boy as Family, Friend or Relative, Kindly hand them over to us, and get a Massive reward of 1million naira."

The Commission wishes to state that this message is alien to the EFCC, and members of the public are enjoined to disregard them.

Promoters of the hashtags are currently under surveillance and every efforts will be made to bring them to justice.

While the Commission welcomes information that could lead to the arrest of cybercrime suspects, it has no policy of financial reward for such informants. The fight against corruption and other forms of economic crime is a patriotic duty and Nigerians are encouraged to embrace it with altruism.

The whistle blower policy of the Federal Government which the Commission is among the agencies saddled with its implementation, is applicable only to public sector corruption.

The public is warned that, the Commission will not be responsible for anyone who falls for this obvious scam.

[scam-alert-efcc-not-offering-n1m-reward-to-yahoo-yahoo-informants](#)

419 Coalition Comment: You know, commendable "patriotic duty" notwithstanding, some kind of monetary reward program for those providing information which leads to the arrest and conviction of 419ers is something which should be seriously considered. Perhaps such a program could be funded in whole or part from all those Millions of dollars of recovered monies that the EFCC just can't seem to find who they were stolen from..... so they are unable to compensate the victims or repatriate the monies, according to them. That might work.... just a thought.

And, while we are on the subject of recovered but undistributed and unrepatriated monies, some 700 million USD as reported several years ago... where Exactly is all that money? Is it earning interest? If so, what is happening with that interest? Where is it going? Many, many questions need to be answered on these matters.....  
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6 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Siblings for Alleged Internet Fraud in Lagos,**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested two siblings for their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

The suspects, Queen and Rowland Kalu, were arrested on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at the Amikanle Alagbado area of Lagos State.

Their arrest followed credible intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged involvement in computer- related fraud and online dating scam.

Upon their arrest, Queen, who is a graduate of Banking and Finance, confessed to the crime, saying that she was involved in online dating and had made some money from the crime.

She also disclosed that she helps her brothers, including one Prince Kalu who is at large, to speak to their male victims and defraud them of their money.

A Mercedes Benz car and mobile devices were recovered from them.

They will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes photos of both siblings:

[efcc-arrests-siblings-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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6 MAY 2021

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested eight suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects who are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-nine were arrested at Jabi, Abuja, in the early hours of Thursday, May 6, 2021, based on credible information about their alleged criminal activities.

The suspects are Emmanuel Anyeba, Precious Samuel, Mujib Ariyo, Micheal Ogaba, Mathew Ibeh, Jamiu Ariyo, Precious Kalu and Isaac Sunday.

Investigation indicates that the suspects operated an academy for training internet fraudsters from their hideout.

Items recovered from them include eight mobile phones.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos of all eight alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-eight-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

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5 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 30 Suspected Yahoo-Yahoo Boys in Ilorin**

Operatives of the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 arrested 30 internet fraud suspects, also known as Yahoo-Yahoo Boys, in Ilorin, Kwara State.

The suspects include: Adigun Oladapo, Olamilekan Ogunsola, Fuad Abidemi, Haastrup Samuel, Olamide Adeyemi, Akinola Abideen, Ebenezer Haastrup, Kehinde Adeyemi, Quadri Kareem, Abubakar Abdulbashit, Damilola Akinola, Ola-Oluwa Samuel, David Oyewole, Mojereola Toheeb, Isaac Chikezie, Joshua Chiekezie, Abdulsalam Opeyemi and Abawonjo Abdulazeez.

Others are, Ganiyu Olanrewaju, Adeleke Ibrahim, Taiwo Ganiyu, Oke Gideon, Olakunle Adebisi, Ajani Samuel, Joshua Ogizien, Sodiq Olasupo, Olamilekan Mubarak, Adeniyi Olashile, Rotimi Adeyemi and Rasaq Olanrewaju.

The suspects, who are mostly students were arrested at different locations within Ilorin following actionable intelligence earlier received on their alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from them include ten exotic cars, mobile phones, laptops, charms and several incriminating documents.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-30-suspected-yahoo-yahoo-boys-in-ilorin](#)

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5 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Nabs Impostor for Cloning its E-mail**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested one Udochukwu Ugochukwu Simeon for allegedly creating fraudulent clones of the Commission e-mail address, and using same to defraud unsuspecting victims.

The 26-year-old suspect created an Outlook email account of the Commission, “efccnigeria.org.ng@outlook.com” and a webmail, info@efcc-nigeria.org.ng which he uses to impersonate the EFCC.

Investigation by the Cybercrimes Unit at the Commission’s headquarters, Abuja indicates that the suspect also uses the two fake e-mail accounts to send messages to his victims, while posing as an officer of the Commission trying to help his victims recover their stolen monies.

Before his arrest on April 21, 2021, the suspect had already received over \$3,000 (Three Thousand US Dollars) from some of his victims.

Ugochukwu’s activities amount to forgery, identity theft, impersonation and cybersquatting.

He will be charged to court upon the completion of the investigation.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-nabs-impostor-for-cloning-its-e-mail](#)

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4 MAY 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 7 Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office have arrested seven suspected internet fraudsters. They were nabbed on April 16, 2021 at a popular hotel in the Nkponkiti – Ogui New Layout area of Enugu.

Laure Anya, Benjamin Okoro, Eze Emmanuel, Oko Francis, Ubah Samuel, Uwandu Michael and Akpan Itoro were arrested following actionable intelligence.

They are suspected to be members of a syndicate of fraudsters who specialized on defrauding unsuspecting members of the public, mostly the foreigners through internet and computer-related fraud.

Some incriminating materials recovered from them include mobile phones and laptops.

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

The press release has photos of five of the seven alleged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-7-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

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4 MAY 2021

### **N150m Fraud: Appeal Court Dismisses Suspect’s Bail Appeal**

The Court of Appeal, Lagos Division, has dismissed an application filed by a suspected fraudster, Nelson Emuobosa Omo-Ode, challenging the ruling of the Special Offences Court, Ikeja, Lagos denying him bail.

Omo-Ode, a 34-year-old Business Administration graduate of the Kuala Lumpur Metropolitan College, Malaysia, was arrested on July 18, 2019 at his residence at the Address Homes, Onikani Foreshore Banana Island, Ikoyi, Lagos, following a petition received by the Commission about his suspicious lifestyle.

Investigations showed that over N150, 000,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) had passed through his account in recent time, which he could not account for.

He was subsequently arraigned before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a three-count charge bordering retention of proceeds of criminal conduct to the tune of N150m.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against him, thereby leading to his trial.

During the trial, the prosecution counsel, S.O. Daji presented four witnesses before closing his case against the defendant.

The defendant's application for bail was refused by the court.

Dissatisfied with the decision of the Court, the defendant, through his counsel, Kolawole Salami, appealed against the ruling.

In the judgment delivered via zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the Appellate Court dismissed the defendant's appeal as lacking in merit.

The case has been adjourned till May 19, 2021 for the adoption of final written addresses.

The press release includes a photo:

[n150m-fraud-appeal-court-dismisses-suspect-s-bail-appeal](#)

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4 MAY 2021

### **FBI Seeks Further Collaboration with EFCC in Tackling Cybercrimes**

A three-man team of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, today Tuesday May 4, 2021 paid a courtesy visit to the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

Joseph Zadik, Assistant Legal Attaché, who led the team commended the Commission for its efforts in tackling cybercrimes and other forms of financial crimes. He said the visit was to further enhance the cooperation and partnership between EFCC and the FBI. Others in the team are Ayotunde Awoyemi, criminal investigator and Osemeka Jim Oscar, special investigator.

Muhtar Bello, Head Benin Zonal Office, who received them, thanked the team for the visit. He assured that the Commission will continue to partner with them in its efforts to rid the society of economic and financial crimes.

The press release includes photos:

[fbi-seeks-further-collaboration-with-efcc-in-tackling-cybercrimes](#)

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4 MAY 2021

### **Four Suspected Internet Fraudster Arrested in Makurdi**

The Makurdi Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Saturday May 1, 2021 arrested four members of a syndicate of internet

fraudsters in Makurdi, Benue State.

The suspects, Gideon Damisa, Sunday James, Friday Ebosele and Okiemute Deborah, were rounded up by operatives of the Commission following intelligence report on their alleged criminal activities in and around Makurdi metropolis.

At the point of arrest, the principal suspect Gideon Damisa was in possession of a Mercedes Benz GLK 350 2010 Model, 1 iPhone, 2 Pro Max, 2 Infinix phone and ATM cards, among others.

They will soon be charged to court.

The press release contains photos of all four alleged 419ers:

[four-suspected-internet-fraudster-arrested-in-makurdi](#)

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30 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Four Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested four suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects are: Nnaemeka Udozor Joseph, Udor Peter Emmanuel, Olowo Opeyemi Abdulrazak and Oritayo Blessing Deji.

They were arrested on April 27, 2021 in the Ajah area of Lagos, following credible intelligence received by the Commission on their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-four-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

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28 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 34 Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Owo, Ondo State**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office, through its intelligence gathering operation code-named 'Erinle,' today Wednesday April 28, 2021 arrested 34 alleged internet fraudsters in Owo, Ondo State.

Those arrested are Adesuyan Ayoola, Oyesanmi Shola, Adegbole Victor, Osagie Ekiende, Akinayomide James, Okunade Jamilu, Omotoso Oluwaseyi, David Oluwatobi, Ahmed Rilwan, Saheed Odunayo, Olorunfemi Emmanuel, Obakpolor Tommy, Emmanuel Ibe, Temiloluwa Joshua, Victor Benjamin, Akinwale Oluwaseun and Ogunboye Dotun.

Others are Adeniyi Femi, Obademi Samson, Oladunjoye Teniola, Eze Raphael, Samson Fadugbagbe, Oguntimehin Bamidele, Moshood Kazeem, Oniye Damilare, Balogun Mayowa, Obadapo Wale, Ese Stephen, Atakili Pelumi, Adesumo Fatai Olalekan, Demi Temidayo, Oshorun Joseph and Oluwafemi Damilola Michael.

Items recovered from the suspects include nine exotic cars, laptops computers, mobile phones, documents and identity cards.

The suspects have made useful statement and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-34-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-owo-ondo-stat](#)

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28 APR 2021

### **Five Suspected Internet Fraudsters in EFCC Net in Abuja**

Operatives of the Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested five suspected internet fraudsters. The suspects: Emeto Jude Ikenna, Miracle Temple, Victor Onyekachi, Silver Matthew Kingsley and Promise Emmanuel, were arrested in the early hours of Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at their hideouts, room C9, Ibanu Suite, Mabushi and F01 Kubwa, Abuja.

Items recovered from them include one Toyota Camry, one Laptop and mobile phones.

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

The press release contains photos of all five alleged 419ers:

[five-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-efcc-net-in-abuja](#)

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27 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 18 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 18 suspected internet fraudsters in Lagos State.

The suspects are: Ayomide Christian Balogun, Harrison Etshede, Rahim Ibrahim Ajiboye, Nwafor Ebuka, Christian Onyenachi, Egbe Emmanuel Olemuno, Okoye Charles, Moses Isaac Benjamin and Abubakar Mukthar.

Others are: Ayodele Adewusi Khalid, John Folarin Oyindamola, Oshilaja Ayomide Samson, Olayinka Samuel Juwon, Keshinro Ridwan Oluwafemi, Sulaimon Waris Titilope, Samuel Odei Olamilekan, Shen Banjo Olusayo and Michael Olayinka Ike.

They were arrested during sting operations on both Second Gate Estate, Oke-Iranla, Ajah, Lekki, and Victoria Garden City, VGC, Lagos on April 19 and April 20, 2021, following verified intelligence on their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

They will soon be charged to court.

The press release contains photos of all 18 allrged 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-18-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

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23 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrest Bitcoin Vendor, Four Others in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office, today Friday, April 23, 2021, arrested one Ayomide Samuel Adebawale who trades in bitcoin for his alleged involvement in cyber crimes.

Ayomide along with four others were picked up from two locations at Elebu

area in Ibadan, Oyo State.

The suspects whose ages range between 21 and 37 were arrested sequel to series of intelligence received by the Commission on their alleged involvement in internet-related crimes.

The other four are: Philip Gabriel, Mayowa Jolaoso Segun, Babatunde Segun Adeyinka and Abiodun Tolulope Emmanuel.

Items recovered from them include two cars, laptops, phones and some documents suspected to contain false pretences.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrest-bitcoin-vendor-four-others-in-ibadan](#)

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22 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 5 Internet Fraud Suspects in Kano**

The Kano Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested five internet fraud suspects in Kano.

The suspects: Abdulaziz Shamsuddeen Umar, Adamu Sufiyan, Abdulsamad Abdulaziz, Mustapha Musa, and Suleiman Alexander Adeiza were arrested at Danbare Quarter, opposite Bayero University, Kano following intelligence on their alleged involvement cyber-related fraud.

They will be charged to court when investigation is completed.

[efcc-arrests-5-internet-fraud-suspects-in-kano](#)

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22 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Instagram Comedian, 34 Others for Alleged Internet Fraud in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested an Instagram comedian and social media Influencer, Nwagbo Oliver Chidera, also known as Pankeeroy, alongside 34 others for their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud in Lagos.

The other suspects are: Chinedu Omesu Christian, Gafar Kunle Adedamola, Chuka AnieboRichard, Nwagbo Chidera Oliver, Dibo Ayomide Samson, Rotimi Segun Damilola, Habeeb Banire Damilola, Afolabi Bolutife Michael, Adekanbi Elijah Adeola, Emeka Christian Egwuatu, Adeyemi Adedamola Olumide, Awokoya Moyosore Iyaniwura, Efunnuga Dmilola Samuel, Samson Makinde Egwuatu, Gbemileke Jide Simeon, Omoyemi Fashola Owolabi, and Farouk Ibiwoye Olatunde.

Other are Orapitan Yomi Segun, Oladunjoye Taiwo Olawale, Ibrahim Ajani Olanrewaju, Wasiu Olamilekan Sola, Olamiposi Toheeb Damilola, Isieq Qudus Olamilekan, Abel Ndubuisi Junior, Emmanuel Nonso Martins, Timilehin Oladipo Jesse, Kelvin Okpere Kendal, Omotola Oluwatobi Emmanuel, Rasaq Toyosi Farouq, Oyelere Olawale Shakiru, Timileyin Odeyemi Damilare, Kelly John Nwanou, Adedeji Emmanuel Olayinka, Balogun Subomi Ibrahim and Makinde Adewale Benjamin.

They were arrested on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at their hideout in James Court, Lekki, Lagos, following verified intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged criminal activities.

Until his arrest, Chidera, who claimed to have gone into Bitcoin scam after he

suffered depression, had been presenting himself as a vendor who redeems bitcoin vouchers using the bitcoincoretrading.com platform to defraud his unsuspecting victims.

Investigations revealed that one of the suspects, Christian, allegedly defrauded an aged Asian-American lady of over \$475,000 (Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand US Dollars).

In his statement to the Commission, Christian confessed to have been posing as one Dave Federick, a 58- year- old United States national on a mission in Syria, in order to lure his unsuspecting victims and defraud them of their hard-earned money.

Upon his arrest, a Mercedes Benz AMG GLE model worth N36,000,000( Thirty-six Million Naira) was recovered from him.

Investigations also revealed that the suspect has N22, 300, 000. 00 (Twenty- two Million, Three Hundred Naira ) worth of Bitcoin in his blocked chain account.

Items recovered from the suspects include exotic cars, Iphones, laptop computers, Android devices and Macbook devices.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-instagram-comedian-34-others-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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21 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 11 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 11(eleven) suspected fraudsters, in a sting operation covering Rivers and Bayelsa States.

They were arrested on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

The suspects are: Eliot Chuku; Oghenero Tega; Pamkim James; Jeremiah Agbani; Frank Freeman; George Naomi; Joshua Patrick; Francis Paul; Bernard Peter, Akarolo Chimeganum and Precious Ebi. They were arrested in four locations in Bayelsa State: Queens Estate; Mike Okporkpor; Kpansia and Yenagoa and Unity Estate in Rivers State.

Their arrest was spurred by discreet surveillance about their suspicious involvement on internet- related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include 21 phones; two Power banks; two PlayStations; two Speakers; one International Passport; four Sim packs; one Laptop, four Automated Teller Machine( ATM) cards and one Lexus RX 350 Sports Utility Vehicle.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-11-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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20 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 14 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,

EFCC, have arrested 14 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects are: Abiodun Gbolahan Seidu, Joseph Aganaga Ndubuisi, Sodimu Olawale Sikirudeen, Ohaekim Christopher, Ambali Oluwaseyi Rahman, Chibuzor Ebubedike, Salvador Abduljabar and Omohogbo Donald Ede.

Others are: Thomas Obire Tobiloba, Olatunbosun Adeniyi Abiodun, Olugbemi Oluwatomigbeleke Eniola, Sanni Azeez Olayinka, Joseph Afenikhena Osaoman and Hamed Olayinka Olanrewaju.

They were arrested on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Westwood Estate, Badore, Ajah Lagos, following verified intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include cars, iPhones, Android devices, laptop computers, a MacBook Pro, hard disk drives and jewellery.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

[efcc-arrests-14-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)  
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16 APR 2021

### **Music Producer, Four Others Nabbed For Alleged Cybercrime in Uyo**

Operatives of the Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday April 16, 2021, arrested one Imeh Henshaw Nyong, a music producer and four others for alleged internet fraud in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Nyong was arrested alongside Benjamin Ikpeme, Godwin Isong, Magnus Chimaobi and Victor Usun.

The suspects, whose ages range between 22 and 25 years, were arrested in an early morning raid at two locations in the state, based on credible intelligence on their alleged involvement in cybercrime

While Nwele was arrested at 23 Calabar Itu Road by Urua Ikpa junction, Nyong and the other three were nabbed at 25 Faith Road, Off Ikot Ekpene Road, in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Items recovered from them include, 1 black Lexus E350, 1 Hp laptop, 1 Canon 16 Techno Phone, 1 Dell laptop, 1 Samsung S7, 1 Toshiba laptop, 1 Itell phone, 1 Samsung S8+, car documents and 1 International Passport.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release contains photos of all 5 alleged 419ers:

[music-producer-four-others-nabbed-for-alleged-cybercrime-in-uyo](#)  
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15 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 27 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 27 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects are: David Promise, Cyril Okodogbe, Taiwo Femi, Jasa Oghenerwede Frank, Adesokan Ibrahim, Femi Emmanuel Phillip, Jimoh Olayinka Alimi, Anene Dominic, Victor Damola, Israel Attah, Alonge Oluwadamilare, Muhammadu Sani Garba, Luis Fred and Adu Olaoluwa.

Others are: Precious Utomi, Oladosu Samuel, Andrew John, Olayiwola Ojo, Ekong Samuel Enobong, Oluwakemi Ezekiel, Okewole Segun, Olawale Adekunle, Ajibade Idris Adeniyi, Imeobong-Odion Promise, Karaole Lateef, Rowland Emmanuel and Nelson Lucky.

They were arrested on April 9, 2021 in the Ayobo-Ipaja area of Lagos State, following verified intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged involvement in computer- related fraud.

The press release contains photos of all 27 suspected 419ers:

[efcc-arrests-27-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

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14 APR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Five Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested five suspected Internet fraudsters.

They were arrested in an early morning operation on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, along New Airport Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The suspects: Raymond Poi; Kelvin Okonofua; Anderson Aforke Adjukpa, Marvellous Ahre and Chijioke Amadi, were arrested based on verified intelligence about their suspicious involvement in internet- related fraud.

Items recovered from the suspects include five iPhones; four Android phones; one Nokia Java phone; one Dell Laptop; two iMac apple Laptop and two ash- coloured Toyota Camry cars.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-five-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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12 APR 2021

### **Court Convicts 11 Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

Justice Adamu Turaki Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt on Friday, April 9, 2021 convicted and sentenced 11 internet fraudsters to various prison terms, for fraud.

The convicts were prosecuted by the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, for offences bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretence.

Those convicted are Anhwo Samson, Harry Omo-egbekun Hamilton, Odiase Martins, Okuson Godspower, Destiny Ighalo, Andrew Onoyoa, Omebu Happy, Enofe Michael, Adelakun Abdulkareem, Akpowowo Favour and Imaah Joseph.

They all pleaded guilty to one count charge each preferred against them by the Commission.

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Ahmed Arogha prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly.

However, John Okhuihievbe and O.A. Egharevba, counsel to the defendants pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as the defendants were first time offenders who had become remorseful.

Justice Mohammed convicted and sentenced all the defendants to various terms of imprisonment. Samson bagged two years imprisonment or a fine of N200,000. He is also to forfeit N3,684,439.18 (three million, six hundred and eighty four thousand, four hundred and thirty nine naira, eighteen kobo) to the federal government while Ighalo got two years imprisonment or a fine

500,000. Ighalo is to forfeit a Lexus SUV 330 model, laptops and phones to the federal government. Andrew Onoyoa was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment or a fine of N1 million. He is also to forfeit Lexus 230 SUV and a Toyota Camry car to the federal government.

The other defendants Godspower, Happy, Enofe, Joseph, Favour, Abdulkareem and Martin were sentenced to two years imprisonment each with an option of fine of N200,000 each. Hamilton bagged two years imprisonment or a fine of N100,000.

All the convicts are to undertake in writing to be of good behaviour forthwith.

The charge against Samson reads: "that you Anhwo Samson (aka Anhwo Samcity), Adalakin Abdulkareem (aka Terry Walker), Omebu Happy (aka Christ David), Imaah Joseph (aka Pietro Jones) Enofe Michael (aka Charlotte Crypto B.T.C Dan Trader) and Akpowowo Favour Omanufogho (aka Prof. Melisa Dan) on or about the 10 day of July 2020 at Efemena Close, Ozoro within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did conspired to defraud by sending electronic messages materially misrepresenting facts to white women with intent to defraud them and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 27 (1)(b) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 14(2) the same Act".

The press release includes photos:

[court-convicts-11-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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1 APR 2021

### **EFCC Hands Recovered ¥370, 000, \$1,800 USD to Japanese Victim of Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Thursday, April 1, 2021 handed over the sums of ¥370,000 Japanese Yen and \$1,800 USD, recovered from a fraudster, to the Japanese victim through officials of the Japanese Embassy, Abuja.

The money was recovered by the EFCC following a complaint by one Hatsumi Ozeki on January 19, 2019.

Investigation established that Ozeki was duped by one Evans Ewean-Obayagbona but the proceeds of crime was wired to him through the accounts of his accomplices- Samson Okonofua, Osifo Onaiwi-Kelly and Igbenedion Iyobor Mikel.

Speaking while handing over the money to officials of the Japanese Embassy at the EFCC headquarters, Abuja, the Director of Operations, Abdulkarim Chukkol, reiterated the Commission's commitment to the fight against cybercrime and other forms of financial crimes. He said the agency is poised to sanitize the nation's financial system to ensure a conducive investment climate for foreign investors.

On his part, the representative of the Japanese Embassy expressed appreciation to the EFCC for the feat in recovery the money and commended the agency's commitment to fighting corruption.

[efcc-hands-recovered-370-000-1-800-usd-to-japanese-victim-of-fraud](#)

419 Coalition comment: Now, this is how we like to see things done! Well done on this case EFCC, let's make it a routine procedure, that would be wonderful!

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1 APR 2021

### **EFCC Nabs 34 Yahoo Boys in Ibadan, Lagos**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested a total of 34 suspected internet fraudsters, also known as Yahoo Yahoo Boys. They were apprehended in separate operations in Ibadan,

Oyo state and Lagos.

Twenty four of the suspects, most of whom claimed to be undergraduates, were rounded up today April 1, 2021 at their hideout in Apete area of Ibadan, Oyo State by operatives from the Ibadan Zonal Office of the Commission.

The suspects are, Isiaka Quadri Olawale, Ojubanire Akindimeji Abdulquadri, Shobowale Michael Morenikeji, Adeyemi Yusuf Ekundayo, Alabi Gift Jesse, Owolabi Yakubu Joseph, Olasupo Ogooluwa Ayomide, Emmanuel Segun Omogbolahan, Mufutau Sarafa Adewale, and Adekunle Habeeb Olamilekan.

Others are, Usman Abdullahi Olamilekan, Adurota Emmanuel Tosin, Adekunle Ibrahim Babatunde, Adeyiga Ayobami Emmanuel, Olubanji Remilekun Michael, Ibrahim Damola Iremide, Okunlaja Joshua Opeyemi, Aiyelokun Bolaji Emmanuel, Akintokun Olalekan Ibukunmi, Kehinde Victor Boluwatife, Oni Olanrewaju Gabriel, Shobowale Samuel Durodola, Owolabi Quadri Damilola and Monday Blessing Patrick.

The early morning raid followed actionable intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet-related crimes.

The arrest led to the recovery of valuable items, including four exotic cars, mobile phones, laptops, SIM cards and several incriminating documents.

The remaining ten suspects were arrested by Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office on March 30, 2021 at Horizon II Estate, Meadow Hall Way, Lekki, Lagos following credible information on their alleged criminal activities.

The suspects who are allegedly involved in romance scam, unemployment benefits scam, identity theft, and purchase of malicious tools to compromise corporate email accounts and intercept email messages, include: Daniel Udegbe, Taiwo Akintimehin, Abiola Opeyemi, Great Shayo Akintimehin, Dikoyejo Damilola Emmanuel, ibiayinabobo Daso and Toheeb Alhassan.

Others are: Michael Ofoedu Obinna, Sanni Azeez and Ridwan Adeyinka Songonuga.

Items recovered from the suspects include mobile phones and laptop computers.

The suspects have volunteered statements to the Commission and would be charged to Court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-nabs-34-yahoo-boys-in-ibadan-lagos](#)

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30 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Female Internet Fraud Suspect**

Operatives of the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday March 26, 2021 arrested one Queen Jonathan, for suspected internet fraud in Oghara, Delta State.

24-year-old Jonathan is alleged to be involved in Bitcoin Scam. She presented herself as one Sophia Rodriguez, an expert in Bitcoin, on Instagram, to defraud unsuspecting victims.

Items recovered from her include an Infinix Hot 8 mobile phone.

The suspect has made useful statement and will be arraigned in Court as soon as investigation is completed.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-female-internet-fraud-suspect](#)

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29 MAR 2021

### **Man Bags Three Months Imprisonment for Fraud**

A Federal Capital Territory High Court, Maitama, Abuja presided over by Justice Peter Affen on March 25, 2021 sentenced one Ogbelegba Emmanuel Abel to three months imprisonment for offences bordering on obtaining money by false pretence and internet fraud.

The convict was arrested on February 25, 2020 in his apartment in Maitama, Abuja following reports received by the Commission on his suspicious activities and questionable lifestyle.

Upon conclusion of investigation, the convict was arraigned in Court on one count charge of obtaining by false pretense.

He pleaded 'guilty' to the charge preferred against him.

Consequently, the court convicted and sentenced him to 3 months imprisonment with an option of fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira.

The Court also ordered the convict to restitute his victim the sum of \$150 USD and forfeit his smartphone to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[man-bags-three-months-imprisonment-for-fraud](#)

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29 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Ten Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Akure**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday March 29, 2021 arrested 10 suspected internet fraudsters in Akure, Ondo State.

Those arrested are Adekolurejo James, Gabriel Seyifunmi, Adekunle Joshua, Adeboyega Idowu, Olorunnayo Adewale, Akande Akinyemi, Oluwugbemgla Blessing, Oladepo Abiodun, Ibrahim Olagoke and Akinboyejo Abimbola.

Items recovered from the suspects include eight exotic cars, laptops computers, phones, documents and identity cards

The suspects have made useful statement and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigation is completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-ten-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-akure](#)

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29 MAR 2021

### **Court Jails Internet Fraudster One Year in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction and sentencing of one Olaofe Olamide to one year imprisonment for engaging in internet fraud before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

He was arraigned on March 29, 2021 on one-count charge of possession of fraudulent documents contrary to Section 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

Consequently, the prosecuting counsel, A.O. Mohammed, informed the Court of a plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and the defence.

Mohammed, further reviewed the facts of the case, and tendered in evidence the statements of the defendant and documents implicating him, which were printed out from his device.

He, therefore, urged the Court to convict him accordingly.

He also prayed that the items recovered from the defendant, which were proceeds of the crime, be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Defence counsel, Rafiat Shittu, however, pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy on the grounds that "the defendant is a first-time offender and has shown remorse."

Justice Dada convicted him as charged and sentenced him to one year in prison with an option of fine of N2million.

The Judge also ordered forfeited to the Federal Government an iPhone 7, an Apple MacBook laptop, a Samsung S5 and a Hyundai Sonata vehicle, which were recovered from him by the prosecution.

"On release from custody or satisfaction of the fine, he must sign a bond with the EFCC to be of good behaviour within and outside of the country," Justice Dada added.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-jails-internet-fraudster-one-year-in-lagos](#)

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29 MAR 2021

### **18 Suspected Internet Fraudsters Arrested in Abuja, 3 in Niger**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on March 25, 2021 arrested 18 suspected internet fraudsters at a hideout in Gwarimpa and Dawaki Extension, Abuja.

The arrest was sequel to credible intelligence obtained by the Commission on their alleged criminal activities.

The suspects are: Akpotegho Profit, 20; Aseimo Prince, 21; Ekhaguere Favour, 19; Ekhaguere Esewi, 25; Kelvin Ekhaguere, 25; Temola Adex, 25; Ezuzu Happiness, 21 and Ekhiyokwo Emmanuel, 25.

Others are: Mena Ejife Emmanuel, 25; Clement Ifietekhai, 29; Babatunde Ilori, 35; Ejoor Joseph, 22; Okunuwe Frank Durkio, 22; Agbaga Kelvin, 22; Ajayi Kehinde David, 25; Akinwale Taiwo, 30; Joseph Henry Junior, 25 and Agbaje Opeyemi, 31.

Items recovered from the suspects include six exotic cars, twenty six mobile phones, eleven laptop computers, Flash and Harddrive, three International passports, and six hand bags.

In a related development, three suspected internet fraudsters were arrested by operatives of the Commission on Friday March 26, 2021 in Niger State. The suspects are Abubakar Haruna, Nuhu Alfa Katuna and Mohammed Adamu.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones and SIM cards.

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

The press release includes photos:

[18-suspected-internet-fraudsters-arrested-in-abuja-3-in-niger](#)

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26 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 10 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Delta**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Benin Zonal Office in the wee hours of Friday March 26, 2021 arrested 10 suspected internet fraudsters in Oghara, Delta State.

Those arrested are Ifeakachukwu Prince, Vincent Ikechukwu, Oki Morrison Onome, Lucky Morrisson Efe, Ejiro Nwaju, Onyije Ifeanyi, Sunday Fejiro, Wisdom Agharadoro and Peace Omaghoni.

Items recovered from the suspects include laptop computers, phones, Mercedes-Benz 350 4Matic and C330.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes photos:

[we-ll-rid-nigeria-of-corruption-bawa-vows](#)

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26 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Son, Mother for Alleged N50m Internet Fraud**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, have arrested Ibeh Theophilus Uche, Chief Executive Officer, CEO, 10 Kobo Wine Place, Ikotun, Lagos alongside his mother for their alleged involvement in computer related fraud to the tune of about N50million in Lagos.

The 28-year-old suspect was arrested recently in his room in Radisson Blu Anchorage Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos, following credible intelligence reports about his alleged criminal activities.

During interrogation, Uche, who presents himself variously as Racheal Armstrong, Keanu Reeves, Rebekah Schwarzenberger, Keanu Private, Elizabeth Hortman and Stefan Paulson, confessed to being into Bitcoin investment scam, romance scam and identity theft.

The suspect also confessed to have defrauded his victims to the tune of about N50m, since he started the criminal activities in 2020.

Investigations revealed that the suspect had been using a First Bank account belonging to his mother, who is one of his accomplices, to launder the proceeds of his alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from the suspect are one iPhone 11 Pro Max; one iPhone 12 pro max; two MacBook Pro laptops; a PlayStation 5; an iPad and a small Nokia touch phone.

Others are a Mercedes Benz S550 2015 Sedan car and a Lexus RX 350 SUV

2016, among other incriminating items.

The suspect will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-son-mother-for-alleged-n50m-internet-fraud](#)

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26 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 24 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Ogun**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 24 suspected in internet fraudsters in Ogun State.

The suspects are: Oladitan Olakunle Dauda, Olapade Olawale Segun, Babayemi Oluwaseun Adeyemi Yahyah, Adesoye Olayode Samuel, Sani Lekan Olaniyi, Sulaimon Adeyinka abdulahi, Sanni Olanrewaju Saheed, Oladele Adebola Felix, Idowu Afis Olamilekan, Adeniran Emmanuel Oluwaseun, Alarape Sakiru Olawale, Yusuf Waheed, Olajide Segun Yinka, Aderibigbe Ibikunle Adedeji, Okerin Olamilekan Emmanuel and Adelakun Owolabi Samuel.

Others are: Olajide Ayobami Paul, Okenla Hamed Adetola, Akorede Adebayo Aderemi, Ajibola Azeez Olayinka, Salaudeen Taofeeq Olawale, Solomon Akintoye Omisakin, Ibraheem Saheed Ayinde and Odusanya Olawale Abiodun.

They were arrested at their various residences in the Sango area of Ogun State, on March 21, 2021, following intelligence reports received by the Commission about their involvement in the alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include exotic cars, mobile phones of various brands, laptop computers, Wi-Fi and modem devices.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-24-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-ogun](#)

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25 MAR 2021

### **Eight Convicted In Abeokuta over Fraudulent Impersonation**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Ibadan zonal office secured eight convictions on Thursday, March 25, 2021 before Justice Mohammed Abubakar of Federal High Court, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The convicts are: Olayiwola Olamilekan Adewole, Raji Wasiu Olalekan, Uthman Dolapo Muhammed, Usman Toheeb Olawale, Oyesoji Tosin Isaac, Okegbenro Idris Olalekan, Oluwole Olusukanmi Yinka and Akinlolu akintunde Toheed

The defendants pleaded guilty to separate one count of impersonation, following a plea bargain with the EFCC.

After taking their pleas, Justice Abubakar convicted and sentenced them to various jail terms and also ordered that they retribute their victims.

Olayiwola, Oyesoji and Usman were sentenced to four months in prison with the option of N100,000, N300,000 and N50,000 fine respectively; while Raji, Uthman, Okegbenro, and Akinlolu bagged three months imprisonment. Uthman, Okegbenro and Akinlolu got option of N200, 000, N50, 000 and N100, 000

fine respectively.

Oluwole was convicted and sentenced to two months imprisonment with no option of fine

The Court also ordered Olayiwola to retribute \$1,100 USD to his victim; Raji, \$300USD; Uthman, N1, 184,336.51 ; Oyesoji, \$1,800 ; Usman, \$70 USD ;Oni, \$1,000USD; Oluwole, £2,000 to Jennifer Unichi and also forfeit the sum of N205,228:65 and Akinlolu, \$950 USD.

The convicts are to forfeit all items recovered from them to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes lots of photos:

[eight-convicted-in-abeokuta-over-fraudulent-impersonation](#)

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25 MAR 2021

### **Internet Fraudster Bags Nine Months Jail Term for \$30,000 in Lagos**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, has secured the conviction and sentencing of an internet fraudster, Mabifah Quzeem Abayomi, before Justice O.O. Abike-Fadipe of a Special Offence Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was arraigned Wednesday, March 24, 2021, on a one-count charge of possession of documents containing false pretence.

The charge reads: "That you, Mafibah Quzeem Abayomi, about the 21st of January, 2021 in Lagos State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, had in your possession documents and fraudulent chats, which contain false pretence you knew or ought to know to be false and committed the offence of possession of documents containing false pretence contrary to Section 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Ayanfe Ogunsina, reviewed the facts of the case.

Ayanfe told the court that Abayomi was involved in internet fraud by infiltrating accounts of persons with United States banks.

The prosecution counsel also revealed to the Court that the convict defrauded his unsuspecting victims to the tune of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand US Dollars), using 10 credit cards.

Ayanfe further tendered the convict's statement to the Commission, where he confessed to the crime.

Consequently, Justice Abike-Fadipe convicted Abayomi as charged and sentenced him to nine months imprisonment, adding that the judgment would serve as a deterrent to others.

The Judge also ordered the forfeiture of his mobile devices and the 2 iPads that were found on him to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

[internet-fraudster-bags-nine-months-jail-term-for-30-000-in-lagos](#)

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25 MAR 2021

## **Court Jails Internet Fraudster Two Years in Port Harcourt**

Justice E. A. Obile of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced Uzoma Franklyn Izuchukwu to two years imprisonment for impersonating an American, Jefferson Stewart, to dupe his unsuspecting victims.

He was jailed on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 after pleading "guilty" to one-count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining money by false pretence, contrary to Section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act.

The charge reads: "That you Uzoma Franklyn Izuchukwu (a.k.a Jefferson Stewart) sometimes between 2019, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate one Jefferson Stewart with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under section 22(4) of the same Act".

In view of his plea, prosecuting counsel, N.A Dodo, prayed the court to convict and sentence him accordingly. However, defence counsel, M. M. Suleiman sued for mercy, explaining that "'zuchukwu is a first-time offender and has no previous criminal records"

Justice Obile convicted and sentenced him to two years imprisonment in a Correctional Service with an option of fine of Five Hundred Thousand Naira only (N500, 000). He ordered that the phone and laptop linked with the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Izuchukwu's journey to the Correctional Service started when some verified intelligence of the EFCC spotted him for internet- related activities. Investigations showed that the Imo-State born convict was using the identity of an American, Jefferson Stewart to defraud his victims. One of his victim, Dianne Avinna lost huge amount of money to him.

The press release includes a photo:

<https://www.efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/6661-court-jails-internet-fraudster-two-years-in-port-harcourt-court-jails-internet-fraudster-two-years-in-port-harcourt>

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24 MAR 2021

## **Court Jails Undergrad One Year for \$104,500 Romance Scam**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, has secured the conviction and sentencing of an Internet fraudster, Adebawale Taiwo Abiola, to one year imprisonment before Justice O.A. Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict, a 500-level student of Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho, Oyo State, was arrested following intelligence reports received by the Commission about the criminal activities of a syndicate of Internet fraudsters residing in the Lekki area of Lagos.

Investigation revealed that Abiola, who resides at Brownstone Estate, Ikate, Elegushi, Lagos, had presented himself as Burton J. Smith, an American citizen, to defraud his unsuspecting victims.

It was further revealed that the defendant, while using the identity of Smith, also a former military personnel, had defrauded one Courtney Selina Kaye, who had sent money to him by selling bitcoin from her Bitcoin wallet on localbitcoin.com, of the sum of \$104,500 USD in 2019.

He was subsequently arraigned on a one-count amended charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents containing false pretence.

The count reads: "Adebowale Taiwo Abiola, sometime in 2020 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, had in your possession documents containing false pretence, which you ought to have known that the said documents contain false pretence."

He pleaded 'guilty' to the charge brought against him.

Consequently, the prosecution counsel, I. A. Mohammed, reviewed the facts of the case and also told the court about the plea bargain entered into by the defendant with the prosecution.

The prosecution counsel, therefore, urged the Judge to sentence the defendant accordingly.

Delivering her judgment, Justice Taiwo convicted and sentenced the defendant to one year imprisonment, with an option of fine of N300,000 ( Three Hundred Thousand Naira).

The Judge also held that the sum of N5, 000, 000.00(Five Million Naira) recovered from the defendant be forfeited to the victim, Kaye, through the Federal Government

Justice Taiwo further held that the black Mercedes Benz GLK with registration number AKD 573 GK recovered from the defendant be forfeited to Kaye through the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The Judge also ordered that the sum of N26, 620, 000(Twenty-six Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira), being the remaining part of \$104, 500USD (One Hundred and Four Thousand, Five Hundred United States Dollars) fraudulently obtained by the convict from Kaye, be restituted through the Federal Government of Nigeria from the assets and property of the convict until the sum is fully recovered.

The convict was ordered to enter into a bond with the EFCC to be of good behaviour and never involve in any economic and financial crimes, illegitimate or criminal act within and outside the shores of the country, after his release from the Nigeria Correctional Service, NCS, facility.

[court-jails-undergrad-one-year-for-104-500-romance-scam](#)

419 Coaition comment: We are hopeful that the victim will in fact receive the restitution money from the Nigerian government as soon as possible,

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24 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arraigns Suspected Internet Fraudster in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, arraigned a suspected internet fraudster, Anthony Nicholas Ejimkeonye, on a one-count charge of possession of document containing false pretenses before Justice O.O. Abike-Fadipe of a Special Offence Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The defendant was arrested on December 21, 2020 alongside others for allegedly defrauding unsuspecting victims of their hard-earned money around the Lekki axis of Lagos State.

Upon his arraignment today, he pleaded not guilty to the offence.

The charge reads: "That you, Anthony Nicholas Ejimkeonye, on or about the 21st day of December 2020, within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, knowingly

had in your possession a document titled "Hello Miss Xu" , wherein you held yourself out as one "Miss Li" , which document you knew to be false, having regard to the circumstance of the case and committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015."

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, S. Sulaiman, asked the Court for a trial date and also prayed that the defendant be remanded in a Correctional Centre.

In his response, the defence counsel, informed the court of a pending bail application and also asked for a hearing date.

He, however, opposed the remand of the defendant in the Correctional Centre, adding that the defendant had been diligent with the administrative bail earlier granted to him.

Justice Abike-Fadipe adjourned the matter till May 31, 2021 for hearing and ordered that the defendant be remanded in the Correctional facility subject to a negative COVID-19 test result.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arraigns-suspected-internet-fraudster-in-lagos](#)

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23 MAR 2021

### **Cyber-Spiritualist Bags Three Months for Fraud**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Abuja Zonal Office on Monday, March 22, 2021, secured the conviction of Shedrack Luke Greeson A.K.A Ifaokurola Babalawo, before Justice Musa Usman of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Bwari, Abuja.

The convict was arrested sometime in January, 2021 by Operatives of the Commission for defrauding people on social media while posing as a spiritualist. He was arraigned on March 22, 2021 on a two count charge bordering on obtaining by false pretence.

Count One of the charge reads. "That you, Shedrack Luke Greeson (alias Ifaokurola Babalawo) sometime in 2020, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court while pretending to be one Ifaokurola Babalawo a spiritual healer, Ifa Priest via Instagram account cheated by inducing one Austin Brown from California U.S.A to deliver to you the sum of N230, 000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Naira) only and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 320(b) and punishable under section 322 of the Penal Code Act, Laws of the Federation (Abuja) 1990"

He pleaded 'guilty' to the charge, based on a plea bargain agreement with the Commission. Consequently, Justice Usman sentenced him to 3 months in prison with an option of fine of Fifty Thousand Naira (N50, 000.00).

The press release contains a photo:

[cyber-spiritualist-bags-three-months-for-fraud](#)

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22 MAR 2021

### **Six Convicted Fraudsters in Abeokuta to Return \$3,550 to Victims**

The Ibadan zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, March 22, 2020, secured the conviction of six fraudsters before Justice Mohammed Abubakar of a Federal High Court, sitting in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The convicts are: Kareem Babatunde Olamide, Idowu Timothy Tobi, Anifowose Ahmed Adedeji, Alimi Quazeem Folarin, Gabriel Obiseasan Ayobami and Abesin Ayobami Sodeeq.

They were convicted for fraudulent impersonation, contrary to section 22(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and sentenced to various jail terms.

While Idowu was sentenced to six months imprisonment, Anifowose and Gabriel bagged four months jail term each. Kareem and Abesin got three months imprisonment while Alimi bagged two months.

The judge, however, gave Anifowose and Gabriel an option of N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) each as fine while, Kareem was given an option of N100, 000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) fine.

The court also ordered the defendants to retribute their victims.

Alimi is to retribute the total sum of Eleven Million Twenty-six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-four Naira, Twenty-nine kobo (N11, 026,864:29) to his victims (John Castro, Romone Rockitt and Robert Reaman), through the Federal Government of Nigeria. He is to forfeit one iPhone 12 mobile phone and one black Lexus iS250 to Federal Government of Nigeria, being proceeds of his crime.

Abesin was ordered to retribute his victim the sum of \$2,300 (Two Thousand Three Hundred United States Dollars) and forfeit one iPhone XS Max and one small Nokia Torchlight phone to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Similarly, Gabriel is to retribute his victim the sums of \$750 (Seven Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) and N726, 000 (Seven Hundred and Twenty Six Thousand Naira). He was equally ordered to forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria, one Apple MacBook, Hp Laptop, one iPhone X and one Samsung S9.

The press release includes photos:

[419 Coalition comment: We trust that the EFCC will follow through and see to it that the restitutions are paid into the victims' hands.](#)

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[20 MAR 2021](#)

### **[EFCC Warns Property Agents Against Doing Business with Internet Fraudsters](#)**

[The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today March 20, 2021 called on land agents to desist from acting as middlemen in the sale or renting of properties by fraudsters. Sadiq Abubakar, Head, Economic Governance Section of the Kaduna Zonal Office issued the warning while speaking at a Security Summit organized by the Kaduna Chapter of the National Union of Land and Property Agents Association of Nigeria in Kaduna.](#)

[Sadiq, who represented the Zonal Head, Sanusi Abdullahi, advised land vendors to embrace the practice of carrying out Know-Your-Customer, KYC, to protect themselves from the unsavoury consequences of dealing with criminally minded persons.](#)

[According to him, ignorance of the law is never an excuse, adding that investigations have established an increase in property-related fraud at the Millennium City and Bye Pass axis of Kaduna Metropolis. He called on the Association to always liaise with the relevant agencies to authenticate the genuineness or otherwise of any property before transacting business on them.](#)

[He reminded members of the association of their obligations under the Money Laundering Act. "I hope you know that it is unlawful for any of you to collect any cash payment or percentage in cash of five million naira as an individual or ten million Naira in the case of a company. Anyone caught in this act will be liable to a jail term of five years", he said.](#)

[Responding the Chairman of the Association, Shafi'u Salisu Abubakar thanked the EFCC for honoring their invitation as well as satisfying their thirst for knowledge on how to carryout their businesses lawfully, as most of them have not had any opportunity to be educated by the EFCC.](#)

[He also expressed optimism that, with the knowledge gained from this sensitization, they are better positioned to face the security and operational challenges experienced by members in their daily dealing with customers.](#)

[The press release includes photos:](#)

[efcc-warns-property-agents-against-doing-business-with-internet-fraudsters](#)

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20 MAR 2021

### **Court Jails Fake American Officer Two Years for Internet Fraud In Port Harcourt**

Justice E. A Obile of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced Chibueze Okenwa(a.k.a Rodriguz), a fake United States of American military officer, to two years imprisonment for impersonation contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) ( i & ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015.

He was initially arraigned on March 4, 2021 by the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, and pleaded "not guilty" to one-count charge bordering on impersonation with intent to gain monetary advantage for self.

At the resumed hearing of his case on March 18, 2021, Okenwa opted to change his plea. He was re-arraigned and pleaded "guilty" to the one-count charge.

The charge reads: "that you Chibueze okenwa (a.k.a Weirt Rodriguz), in 2020, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, fraudulently impersonated yourself as Weirt Rodriguz, a United State Military Officer to one Katia Massoni from Brazil with intent to gain monetary advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) ( i & ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015".

In view of his plea of "guilty", prosecution counsel, M. Ibekwute urged the court to convict him accordingly. However, defense counsel, J.I Owubokiri prayed t he court to temper justice with mercy.

Justice Obile convicted and sentenced Okenwa to two (2) years imprisonment with an option of fine of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N350, 000.00).

The judge also ordered that the phone which was used to commit the crime, (a gold and white-coloured Blu dual Sim smart phone) be forfeited to the Federal Government through disposal by public auction and the proceeds paid into the Treasury Single Account, TSA of the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-jails-fake-american-officer-two-years-for-internet-fraud-in-port-harcourt](#)

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19 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 18 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Ogun**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, have arrested 18 suspected Internet fraudsters in Ogun State.

The suspects are: Ibrahim Oreniyi Atolani, Tijani Faruk Ayobami, Yisa Ademola Ibrahim, Olukoya Aliu Temidayo, Sulaimon Sharafdeen Adebayo, Adebayo Abiodun Mustapha, Lateef Aremo Shina, Ali Mukit Olamilekan and Tajudeen Taiwo Hassan.

Others are: Aina Ayomide Oluwapelumi, Adetola Yusuf Omogbolahan, Adekoya Ibrahim Olamilekan, Oreniyi Sulaimon Olalekan, Tiamiyu Olamide Babatunde, Ojetola Michael Timileyin and Ajetunmobi Bariu Toyosi.

They were arrested at Remo Majestic Hotel, Shagamu, Ogun State during an operation by Operatives of the EFCC on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Items recovered from the suspects include exotic cars, mobile phones, laptop computers, Wi-Fi and modem devices.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-18-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-ogun](#)

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19 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Docks Two over Alleged Internet Fraud in Ibadan**

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18 MAR 2021

### **Ilorin Court Jails Lecturer, Twin Brothers Over Internet Fraud**

Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Thursday, March 18, 2021 convicted a lecturer of the Kwara State College of Health Technology (Health Tech) Offa, Abdullahi Opashola and a twin-brothers - Taiye and Kehinde Adebayo over offences bordering on personation and internet fraud.

Opashola and the twins were prosecuted by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on separate charges to which they pleaded guilty.

While Opashola was prosecuted on one count, Taiye and Kehinde answered to s even counts each.

The charge against Opashola reads:

"That you, Opashola Abdullahi, (alias Devin Snow), sometime in the month of August 2020 in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did attempt to cheat by personation, by portraying yourself as a female named Devine Snow via your email address devinesnow677@gmail.com to one Eugene Myvett in order to induce him to send you \$200 USD, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law"

Particulars of count six of the charge against Taiye reads: "That you, Taiye Adebayo, sometime in January, 2020, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did cheat one Gary Brenton who you met on TWOO dating site, of the sum of \$490 (Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars) received vide gift cards when you pretended to be female and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 322 of the same Penal Code."

For Kehinde, count seven of the charge reads: "That you, Kehinde Adebayo, sometime in January, 2020 at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did cheat one Gary Brenton who you met on TWOO dating site, of the sum of \$410 (Four Hundred and Ten Dollars) received vide gift cards when you pretended to be female and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 322 of the same Penal Code."

Following the 'guilty plea' entered by the defendants, counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, led Paul Kera and Emezie Dominic in evidence to review the facts of the case against Opushola and the twins, respectively. Documents were tendered and admitted in evidence following which the court adjourned for judgment.

Delivering judgment on the two cases today, Justice Akinpelu found Opushola guilty of the charge against him and sentenced him to four months imprisonment. The 26-year old lecturer was however given an option of fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira).

For Taiye and Kehinde, Justice Akinpelu also pronounced each of them guilty of the charge and sentenced them to six months imprisonment on each of the counts against them, which is to run concurrently. The judge also gave the twin-brothers option of fine of N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) on each of the count.

While ordering that the laptops and phones used by the convicts to commit the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government, the judge said the sentences would serve as deterrent to others.

The press release includes photos:

[ilorin-court-jails-lecturer-twin-brothers-over-internet-fraud](#)

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17 MAR 2021

### **Court Jails Five for Internet Fraud in Ibadan**

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, convicted five internet fraudsters of the charge of criminal impersonation, contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, ETC.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) of the same Act.

The convicts are: Omosehin Sina, Yusuf Olajide Bello, Olowosogba Olamilekan Samson, Bakare Omolayo Toheed and Sodiq Oluwasegun Adefila

They pleaded guilty to their respective charges in line with the conditions of the plea bargain agreement with the Commission.

Based on their pleas, prosecution counsel, Ben Ubi and Chidi Okoli invited Umara Uyah, Nafiu Sa'ad and Usman Babangida Mohammed to review facts the case as witnesses.

The court consequently convicted them as charged and sentenced Omosehin and Olowosogba to four years jail term each, while Yusuf earned eighteen months jail term. Bakare was sentenced to four months while Adefila bagged three months imprisonment. Their sentence however takes effect from their dates of arrest

The convicts are to reconstitute sundry sums to their victims and also forfeit the items recovered from them to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes photos:

17 MAR 2021

**Court Jails Three Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

Justice I.N Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu, Enugu State on Monday, March 15, 2021 convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters, Ferdinand Chikelu Iloka, and Chidera Oleka, to one year imprisonment each on separate one count bordering on internet fraud.

The duo were charged with impersonation and using fake social media accounts to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals. Chikelue presented himself as a Korean national, Bella Chung while Oleka posed as James Michael.

One of the Charges reads: "That you CHIDERA OLEKA (a.k.a JAMES MICHAEL) sometime in September 2020,in Enugu,Enugu State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently presented yourself as one James Michael, a citizen of United States of America, using a fake Instagram account, with intent to obtain money from unsuspecting foreign nationals and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (3) (a) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the same Act".

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges, following a plea agreement with the Commission.

Based on their pleas, the Court convicted and sentenced them accordingly. They were however given the option of N100, 000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) fine each.

In a related development, Justice R.O. Dugbo-Oghoghorie of the Federal High Court, Enugu on March 16, 2021 convicted and sentenced another internet fraudster, Awoh Godwin Chibuzo to one year in prison.

He was arrested at a hotel in G.R.A, Enugu following report of his alleged criminal activities.

Investigation revealed that the defendant assumed the identity of a certain UK-based Michael using the telephone number: +1(972)914-0082 and TextNow and WhatsApp account of the same name to chat and solicit for money from two foreigners, Mercy Ladrigo, a Filipino-American and one Eleanor Woo.

He also pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against him following a plea bargain agreement with the EFCC.

The judge sentenced him to one year imprisonment with the option of fine of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200, 000) only.

The press release includes photos:

16 MAR 2021

**Court Convicts One for Love Scam ...EFCC Arraigns Sexagenarian Over Land Scam in Ibadan**

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State, on Monday, March 15, 2021, convicted one Ajibola Hammed on one court amended charge bordering on impersonation, contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(i) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, Etc.) Act 2015 and Punishable under the same Act.

The defendant, in a classic love scam, represented himself as Jessica Mercy,

a white woman, to one Juan Angle, an American man with whom he claimed to be deeply in love,

He pleaded guilty to the charge, having entered a plea agreement with the EFCC, culminating in the amendment of his charge.

In view of his plea, Justice Ajoku convicted and sentenced him to three months in prison. The court also ordered him to forfeit one Vivo 1906 phone to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In another development, the Ibadan zonal arraigned one Ezekiel Oluwadare James before Justice Patricia Ajoku on a two-count charge bordering on conspiracy and obtaining money under pretence.

The offence is contrary to Sections 8(a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act.

The 68-year-old defendant fraudulently obtained the sum of N25,000,000 (Twenty-Five Million) from a victim for a plot of land.

When the charge was read to him, the defendant pleaded not guilty.

Justice Ajoku adjourned the case till March 24, 2021, for hearing of the defendant's bail application and April 26, 2021, for trial.

The defendant is to be remanded at the Nigerian Correctional Facility, Abolongo, Oyo town pending the hearing and determination of his bail application.

The press release includes photos:

[court-convicts-one-for-love-scam-efcc-arraigns-sexagenarian-over-land-scam-in-ibadan](#)  
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12 MAR 2021

### **Ilorin Court Sends Lecturer to Prison Over Romance Scam**

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Friday, March 12, 2021 convicted and sentenced a 38-year-old lecturer at the Kwara State College of Health Technology (Health Tech) Offa, Adebisi Ademola, to six months imprisonment over his involvement in love scam.

Ademola was among the thirty-three suspected internet fraudsters arrested on the September 14, 2020 in Offa area of Kwara State.

The defendant was prosecuted by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on one count bordering on romance scam, an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 95 of the Penal Code Law of Northern Nigeria.

The charge reads: "That you, Adebisi Ademola (a.k.a Dawn Ayero) sometime in September, 2020 or thereabout at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court attempted to commit an offence of cheating by personation by pretending and representing yourself to be a white lady called Dawn Ayero to one Donald Oakes who is purportedly in love with the said Donald Oakes as it is contained in your gmail account: dawnayero@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 95 of the Penal Code Laws of Northern Nigeria."

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

Following his 'guilty plea', counsel to the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, invited to the

witness box, one Olumide Olasode, an operative of the Commission to review the facts of the case. He narrated how intelligence report led to the arrest of the defendant on September 14, 2020 at Offa area of Kwara State.

Petition from concerned citizens of Offa, statement of the defendant and all the fraudulent messages printed out of his email were tendered and admitted in evidence by the Court.

Akoja, thereafter, urged the Court to convict the defendant based on his plea, the exhibits tendered and the evidence of the sole prosecution witness (PW1)

Consequently, Justice Oyinloye found Ademola guilty of the charge and accordingly sentenced him. He, however, gave him an option of fine of N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira).

The judge in addition, ordered the forfeiture of convict's phone, used as instrument to perpetrate the crime, to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[ilorin-court-sends-lecturer-to-prison-over-romance-scam](#)  
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12 MAR 2021

## **EFCC Arrests 57 Internet Fraud Suspects, Recovers Two Pump Action Rifles in Ogun**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office on Friday, March 12, 2021 arrested fifty seven suspected internet fraudsters at their hotel hideouts and recovered two pump action rifles.

The suspects were arrested in Yewa Frontier Hotel & Resort, Ellysam Hotel & Suits, April Suits and IBD International Hotels, all in Ilaro, Ogun State.

The operation followed actionable intelligence linking them to alleged fraudulent activities, ranging from love scam on numerous dating sites, obtaining money by false pretenses and other cybercrimes.

Four exotic cars, mobile phones, laptops, two rifles and several incriminating documents were recovered from the suspects.

The suspects include: Olatunji Opeyemi, Akintunde Michael Oluwashola, Babatunde Gbolahan, Emmanuel Oluwadamliare, Ogundare Adewunmi, Popoola Salmon, Adebayo Toheed Olamilekan, Bakare Kudus, Michael Moyosoro, Olatunji Tosin, Ishola Wasiu, Ugwu Ekenedelichukwu David, Salaudeen Roqueb, Obafunmilayo David, Jimoh Fatai Abiodun, Idowu Adeola, Oladipupo Nurudeen, Olasaju Mohammed, Onipede Toheed, Bello Abdullahi, Olatunji Abiola, Ogunbayo Peter, Adeyemi Abraham Ismail, Toheed Oluwaseun, Abiola Mutiu, Shoneye Idowu, Badmus Farouk kayode, Ilyas Abubakri Olanrewaju, Oladeji Basit Babatunde and Ijiola Soliu Adewole.

Others are: Odewunmi Samuel Pelumi, Oyeniya Telslim Olashile, Shogbamu Olatunbosun Lukeman, Adebani Timilehin Michael, Bangbose Jonathan Olakunle, Ashore Damilare Godwin, Bello Tobiloba Abdullahi, Ogundeji Babaji Ibrahim, Bashir Ayodeji Toheed, Olaleye Biola Farudeen, Sunday Osunaiki Emmanuel, Adebawale Taofeeq Olamilekan, Babajide Oluwapelumi Bolaji, Oluyide Ridwan Olawale, Abdullahi Umar Farouq, Opeloyeru Kehinde Abdulwaheed, Adeola Olusegun Israel, Shittu Ganiyu Olamilekan, Abdullahi Narudeen Owolabi, Ganiyu Kudus Olawale, Biodun Okeowo Sunday, Aiyemidotun Moses Omolade, Alade Hamed Oluwatosin, Oladele Dolapo Temilope, Ogunrinde Gbenga Akanbi, Awobaju Koyinsola Damilare and Bello Uthman Olayithan.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

11 MAR 2021

**Yahoo Boy Docked in Kaduna, Another Remanded for \$12,200USD Scam**

Okoh Kingsley Chukwuemeka, an undergraduate who impersonates American Servicemen on peace mission in Iraq to defraud unsuspecting victims in dating sites and other social media platforms, today came face-to-face with the law as he was arraigned at a Federal High Court in Kaduna, charged with fraud.

The one count charge brought against him by the Kaduna Zonal Office of the EFCC reads, "that you Okoh Kingsley Chukwuemeka 'M' sometime in February, 2021 in Kaduna within the Judicial division of this Honorable Court, did commit an offense to wit: impersonation when you fraudulently held yourself out as a military personnel from Rochester, Illinois serving in Iraq and in need of financial assistance, received, \$700 ( Seven Hundred United State Dollars) from one Jean Conlin with intent to gain advantage for yourself and you thereby committed an offense contrary to and punishable under Section 22 (2) of the Cybercrime ( Prohibition, Prevention etc) Act, 2015".

The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge preferred against him, prompting the prosecution counsel, P. C Onyeneho to ask the court to fix a date for the commencement of trial, while the defendant is remanded in the Correctional Service custody.

Justice P. Mallong in a short ruling, adjourned till March 22, 2021 for commencement of trial, and ordered that the defendant be remanded in EFCC custody.

In a similar development, EFCC also arraigned one Adaji James Isah before Justice Mallong for offences bordering on romance scam.

Adaji who doubles as a farmer and student was arrested at Faringada Jos based on intelligence that he had been extorting American divorcees while professing love to them via social media platforms such as WeChat and others.

Proceeds of his crime allegedly include a Toyota Camry 2008 saloon car, a laptop and two mobile phones.

The charge reads, "that you Adaji James Isah 'M' sometime in February, 2021 in Jos Plateau State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did commit an offence to wit; impersonation when you fraudulently held yourself out as one Sergeant Sidhu Rueben of the United States Army and induced one Ram Murti to part with \$12,200) Twelve Thousand Two. Hundred Dollars) as payment for vacation and replacement with the intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary and punishable under Section 22(2) (b) of Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015".

The defendant, however pleaded not guilty to the charge, prompting counsel to the EFCC, P. C Onyeneho to urged the court to fix a date for commencement of trial and remand the defendant in the Correctional Service custody pending trial

Justice Mallong adjourned the case till March 22, 2021 for trial while ordering that the defendant be remanded in the EFCC custody.

The press release includes photos:

11 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 14 for Internet Fraud in Lagos**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, have arrested 14 suspects for their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud in Lagos.

The suspects are: Azeez Oluwatimileyin, Stephen Abu, Gbolahan Abbas Ridwan, Oyenowo Steven, James Silas Didam, Joseph Ashiru and Musa Egwa

Others are: Precious Eluajo, Abass Mohammed, Olapade Johnson, Chibuzu Agron, Olayemi Miftehedeem and Abu Solomon.

They were arrested on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 during an operation by operatives of the Commission at K1 White House, Ogombo, Ajah, Lagos.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-14-for-internet-fraud-in-lagos>](#)

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11 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Bursts a Syndicate of 13 Cybercrime Suspects in Abuja**

Luck ran out on a syndicate of 13 cybercrime suspects on Thursday March 11, when operatives of the Abuja Zonal Office of the EFCC raided their hideouts and apprehended them.

Five of the suspects were picked up at an N8m a year apartment in Gilmore Estate, Jahi, while the other eight were arrested at Katampe Extension, all in Abuja.

The breakthrough followed actionable intelligence on their alleged criminal enterprise.

Incriminating items recovered from them include iPhones, laptops, gaming consoles, 1 Toyota Avalon and a Lexus SUV.

The suspects have given valuable information and will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-bursts-a-syndicate-of-13-cybercrime-suspects-in-abuja](#)

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10 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Eleven Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Benin**

The Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday March 9, arrested 11 suspected internet fraudsters in Benin City.

The suspects were arrested at their hideout sequel to information on their alleged criminal activities.

Those arrested are: Osaze Oria, Olayemi James, Princes Emmanuel Dennis,

Samuel Uboh, Elliot Igunbor, Ahunwan Nosakhare, Theopilus Marvis, Oshodi Ufo, Irabor Osarumwense, Ohiaka Oshioke and Lucky Uhumamure.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones, laptops and charms. A bucket of water with cowries, zinc, keys, beads and mutilated naira notes was discovered in one of the suspect's apartment.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are completed.

Muhtar Bello, head Benin Zonal Office has advised property owners to desist from giving out houses to persons with no visible means of livelihood, to avoid becoming victim of the law.

Part 1 Section 3 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006. empowers the Commission to prosecute anyone who allows their premises to be used for criminal activities. "A person who, being the occupier or is concerned in the management of any premises, causes or knowingly permits the premises to be used for any purpose which constitutes an offence under this Act commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not more than 15 years and not less than 5 years without the option of a fine"

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-eleven-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-benin](#)

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10 MAR 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 29 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Awka**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal office on Tuesday March 9, 2021 arrested 29 (Twenty Nine) suspected internet fraudsters for various offences bordering on cyber Crimes at a hideout in Awka, Anambra State.

The arrest was sequel to credible intelligence obtained by the Commission on their nefarious activities necessitating an extensive surveillance on them before they were arrested in the early hours of March 9.

The arrested suspects are; Izuchukwu Precious Chinonso, Izuchukwu Chukwuebuka Goodness, Ogu Chukwuebuka Kingsley, Iheagwam Sixtus Chijoke, Igwemadu Kenechukwu Emmanuel, Joseph Igwe, Ilegbukem Justin. Ilegbunem Paschal Onyeka, Paul Okoye, Muolokwu Osita, Okechukwu Ifeanyichukwu, Nnamdi Agbo, Chinyeluba Ifeanyi and Mbanugo Ifeanyi.

Others include Bernard Femi, Okafor Ekene, Nwabueze Ifeanyi, Edeh Chukwuebuka, Mgbemefulu Henry, Chinecherem Okpara, Kosisochukwu Chukwuemeka Harrison, Okoroafor Elochukwu, Edeh Gerald, Chukwuemeka Emmanuel, Chimezie Ugwu, Aguguom Ifeanyi, Mgbemefulu Collin, Edeh Izuchukwu Dominic and Oputa Ekene.

In the course of the arrest, five exotic cars ;a brand new Mercedes Benz GLK with registration number HAL-160-MX, Lexus IS 250 with registration number UMZ-145-MX, Toyota Avalon XLS with registration number KRD-641-FL, Lexus ES 350 with registration number GWA-489-KZ, Lexus ES 330 with registration number AAH-25-AE were recovered from them.

Other incriminating materials recovered from the suspects include various mobile phones and laptops.

They will soon be charged to court as soon as the investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-29-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-awka](#)

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9 MAR 2021

**EFCC Arrests 25 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested 25 suspects for their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The suspects are: Ibrahim Olaiwon Olatunji, Kelechi Daniel David, Olutayo Oluwapelumi, Abiola Baruwa Gideon, Adesuyi Toheeb Adeyika, Wano Abdullahi Ahmed, Imoukhuede Idowu Peter, Ige Emmanuel Oluwatobi, Durodola Peter Tolulope, Makanjuola Olamide Elijah, Emmanuel Edward Enyiema, Oguniran Samuel Boluwatife, Onikosi Olasukunmi Idris and Abdulateef Adegoke Oriyomi.

Others are: Ogbere Sunday Ojulari, Abdulwalii Aderuju Adeyemi, Emmanuel Ibuchi Ezeh, John Ayokunmi Bagbale, Moses Tarh, Emmanuel Ovie Okpe, Murtala Mohammed Oyinlola, Ayomide Hassan Semiu, Adebayo Michael Adetola, Covenant Chizaram Eze and Emmanuel Chidi Okwor.

They were arrested during an operation by operatives of the EFCC in the early hours of today, March 9, 2021 at a Hotel on Governor Road, Ikotun, Lagos, following a credible intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-25-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

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9 MAR 2021

**EFCC Arrests 10 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Port Harcourt**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 arrested 10 suspected internet fraudsters in two different locations in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The suspects: Eberechi Kelvin; Promise Amadi; Golden Wopara; Abraham Okparuelu; Godwin Omeh; Iheanacho Chigaemezu; Paul Effiong; Nelson Uwoajgeaga, Samuel Collins and Meshack Aniekan were arrested at God City Estate, Rumualgu, and Number 23, Sam Mba Close, off N.T.A., Akparale Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

They were arrested following verified intelligence about their suspicious involvement in internet-related fraud.

Items recovered from them include: a blue- coloured Toyota Sienna XLE 2006 bus, a black-coloured Mercedes Benz C240 car and an ash-coloured Toyota Camry car. Others are: 11 mobile phone devices, four laptops, Automated Teller Machine( ATM) cards, 1 power bank and 1 bluetooth speaker.

The suspects would be charged to Court as soon as investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos

[efcc-arrests-10-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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8 MAR 2021

## **Uber Driver Bags 3 Months Jail Term over Internet Fraud**

Justice M. A. Odegbola of the Oyo State High Court, sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on Monday, March 8, 2021, convicted and sentenced one Michael Tosin Lawal, an Uber driver, to three-months in prison. He was convicted after he pleaded guilty to an amended one count charge bordering on obtaining money by false pretence, preferred against him by the Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The lone charge reads, "that you, Michael Tosin Lawal 'M' sometimes in the year 2020, in Ibadan Oyo State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, obtained Gift Cards from one Trevor, a white male by falsely representing to him that you are a white female by the name Cyndy Tyler from the United States of America, which pretence you knew to be false".

Following his plea, Justice Odegbola convicted and sentenced him to three months in prison. He also ordered the convict to reconstitute the sum of \$50 (Fifty United States Dollars) to his victim through the EFCC and forfeit items recovered from him to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

[uber-driver-bags-3-months-jail-term-over-internet-fraud](#)

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2 MAR 2021

## **EFCC Nabs 13 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos ...Five Internet Fraudsters Convicted**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on March 2, 2021 arrested 13 persons for their alleged involvement in cyber-crime.

They are: Idris Ridwan, Shonnaike Adejumobi, Afeez Kareem, Adedire David, Muodozie Patrick, Abidemi Smart, Damilare Gabriel, Foluwako David, Adeleye Smart, Jimoh Olaitan, Olabode Thomas, Akinseye Mayowa and Macaulay Olawale.

They were arrested at their hideout at Gabriel Ajawa Close, Lekki, Lagos, following credible intelligence on their alleged criminal activities

They will soon be arraigned in Court.

In a related development, the Lagos Zonal Office secured the conviction and sentencing of five internet fraudsters before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of a Special Offences Court, Lagos State High Court, Ikeja.

They are: Andre Agbai Kalu, Olaide Ibrahim Oladimeji, Michael Fatuase Makanjuola, Erekefi Omuedi and Bakare Daniel Oluwadamilare.

They were arraigned on February 18, 2021 on separate charges bordering on possession of fraudulent documents contrary to Section 320 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Upon their arraignment, they pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

In view of their plea, the prosecuting counsel, Ahmed Yerima reviewed the case before the Court and tendered documents printed from their email accounts, as well as items recovered from them.

Delivering judgment on February 26, 2021, Justice Taiwo found them guilty of the offence and sentenced each of them to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira).

The court also ordered the forfeiture of a Toyota 4Runner SUV, Lexus RX 330 and mobile devices recovered from them to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-nabs-13-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos-five-internet-fraudsters-convicted](#)

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2 MAR 2021

### **Convicted Abeokuta Yahoo Boys to Refund \$ 6,100 to Victims**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office on Tuesday March 2, 2021 secured the conviction of four internet fraudsters before Justice Mohammed Abubakar of a Federal High Court sitting in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The quartet are Olawale Ibrahim Damilare, Goodluck Sambo Olatayo, Mathew Anuoluwapo Awoniyi and Samson Olawale Ayomide.

They pleaded guilty to one-count amended charge of fraudulent Impersonation. The offence is contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) 1 and punishable under Section 22 (2)(b) of Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act 2015.

In view of their 'guilty' plea, the prosecution counsel, Oyelakin Oyediran, reviewed the case and urged the Court to convict the defendants accordingly.

Justice Abubakar convicted and sentenced Olawale Ibrahim Damilare and Goodluck Sambo Olatayo to three months and four months imprisonment respectively, while Matthew Anuoluwapo Awoniyi and Samson Olawale Ayomide were also convicted and sentenced to seven and eight months respectively.

Justice Abubakar ordered the convicts to refund various sums to their victims: Olawale, \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars); Olatayo, \$500 (Five Hundred United States Dollars); Awoniyi, \$100 USD and Two Hundred and Thirty Two Thousand Naira (N232, 000) and Ayomide, \$4,000 (Four Thousand United States Dollars).

The press release includes photos:

[convicted-abeokuta-yahoo-boys-to-refund-6-100-to-victims](#)

419 Coalition Comment: Now, EFCC needs to stay on the matter and make Sure the stolen monies are indeed refunded.

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1 MAR 2021

### **Two Internet Fraudsters Bag Two Years Jail Term in Warri**

Justice Emeka Nwite of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State on Monday March 1, 2021 convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters to two years imprisonment each without an option of fine.

The duo were prosecuted by the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on separate two count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences.

One of the counts against Edebiri reads: "That you Osas Edebiri (alias Stephen Michael ) on or between the month of December 2019 , within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did had in your possession documents containing false pretence to wit; Fraudulent/scammed mails found in your Galaxy J2 phone with IMEI number 352502/08/236782/1 and 352503/08/236782/9, with serial number RVIH70YM14P in your email edebiriosas@gmail.com with several subject titles which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence 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."

The duo upon arraignment pleaded 'guilty' to the charge, prompting the prosecution counsel, F. Dibang to pray the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. However, counsel to the defendants, P. Nwamma pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy as the defendants were first time offenders who have become remorseful.

Justice Nwite convicted and sentenced the defendants to two years imprisonment each, beginning from March 1, 2021 without an option of fine.

The press release includes photos:

[two-internet-fraudsters-bag-two-years-jail-term-in-warri](#)

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25 FEB 2021

### **The New EFCC Chair meets President Muhammadu Buhari**

Photos of the new EFCC Chairman,  
[Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa](#), meeting President Buhari:

[the-new-efcc-chair-meets-president-muhammadu-buhari](#)

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25 FEB 2021

### **Agbor Yahoo Boy Bags Two Years Jail Term**

Justice Emeka Nwite of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State has sentenced Emeka Roland to two years imprisonment, having found him guilty of one count charge of impersonation and attempting to obtain by false pretences, brought against him by the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The charge against the defendant reads: "That you Emeka Roland (a.k.a James Muth) sometimes in 2020 at Agbor, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did had in your possession an iPhone 6s plus mobile phone containing some scammed documents with different subjects which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6 and 8(b) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3)of same Act".

Upon arraignment, the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. His counsel, John Okhuihievbé pleaded with the Court to temper justice with mercy as the defendant was a first time offender and has become remorseful.

Justice Nwite convicted and sentenced the defendant to two years imprisonment with an option of fine of N100,000.

The defendant is also to undertake in writing to be of good behaviour afterwards

The press release includes a photo:

[agbor-yahoo-boy-bags-two-years-jail-term](#)

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22 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 11 for Alleged Internet Fraud in Auchi, Edo State**

The Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today, Monday February 22, 2021 arrested 11 suspected internet fraudsters in Auchi, Edo State.

The suspects are David Martins, Shegun Elijah, Abagolu Samson, Peter Emmanuel,

Emmanuel Noble, Timothy Johnson, Omo-Ogbebor Uyioghosa, Ibrahim Mohammed, Mavis Bello, Emmanuel Chibozie and Ayiboye Alade.

Items recovered from them include laptop computers, mobile phones and a Toyota Camry car.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-11-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-auchi-edo-state](#)

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22 FEB 2021

### **Student Convicted in Ibadan for Love Scam**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office, on Monday, February 22, 2021, secured the conviction of one Oluwatoyin Henry before Justice Sherifat Adeyemi of the Oyo State High Court, sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on one count of obtaining by false pretence.

The charge reads: "That you Oluwatoyin Henry sometimes in 2019, at Ogbomosho, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred United States of America Dollars (USD\$1,200) from one Betty Mosley, when you falsely represented to him that you are a citizen of United States of America by name Amanda, who is in love with him which representations you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence."

The convict, who claimed to be a student of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho a pleaded guilty to the amended charge after a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

Based on his plea, he was convicted and sentenced to six months in prison.

He was also ordered to restitute the sum of \$1,200 USD (One Thousand Two Hundred United States of American Dollars) to his victim, and forfeit his iPhone 11, one Infinix Hot 5 and a Nokia phone to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

[student-convicted-in-ibadan-for-love-scam](#)

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22 FEB 2021

### **Nine Suspected Internet Fraudsters Arrested in Minna**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested nine internet fraud suspects. They were apprehended today February 22, in an early morning operation in Minna Niger State.

Their arrest by operatives from the Advance Fee Fraud Section, EFCC headquarters, following credible intelligence on their alleged fraudulent activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include Laptops, phones and cars.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed.

The press release includes a photo:

[nine-suspected-internet-fraudsters-arrested-in-minna](#)

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18 FEB 2021

## **EFCC Uncovers Another Internet Fraud Training Centre in Abuja**

Operatives of the Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Have uncovered yet another underworld 'academy' for the grooming of internet fraudsters.

The 'academy' located in Arab Contractors Area of Mpape Hills, a suburb of Abuja, was discovered when operatives, acting on intelligence, stormed the base on Thursday February 18, and arrested 27 internet fraud suspects.

The coordinator of the 'academy' is said to be 30-year-old Emmanuel Clement, and his 'students' are mostly young school leavers, ladies inclusive, within the age range of 18 to 25 years.

Items recovered from the suspects include a Toyota Venza car, 30 mobile phones and one laptop.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-uncovers-another-internet-fraud-training-centre-in-abuja](#)

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## **Electrician, Surety Jailed for Internet Fraud & Impersonation**

The Ilorin and Kaduna Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Thursday February 18, 2021 secured the conviction of two persons, Oyeniran Olamilekan and Umar Gambo for offences that border on internet fraud and impersonation.

28-year-old Olamilekan, an Electrician, was sentenced to six months imprisonment by Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on one count of internet fraud. .

Oyeniran was among the 33 internet fraud suspects arrested in Offa, Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State on September 15, 2020.

The charge against him reads: "That you, Oyeniran Olamilekan (Mike Johnson), sometime between June 2020, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did cheat by personation when you pretended to be Mike Johnson a white female with gmail account mikejohnson2058@gmail.com, and fraudulently deceived one Bill Irvin to send \$1,100.00 (One Thousand, One Hundred US Dollars) to you through gift cards after you made him believe you were a girl in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code."

Following his "guilty plea" on Monday February 15, 2021 when he was arraigned by the anti-graft agency, the facts of the case were reviewed and the court adjourned till today for judgment.

Delivering judgment today, Justice Akinpelu said the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubts, and convicted the defendant as charged.

After listening to the plea for leniency by the defence counsel, A.A Usman, the Judge said, "in order to serve as deterrent to others, the convict is hereby sentenced to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N300,000.00" ( Three Hundred Thousand ra Only).

The draft of N180, 000 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Naira Only) brought by the convict as restitution and the phone recovered from him, being the instrument used in perpetrating the crime, were also forfeited to the Federal Government.

In Kaduna, Gambo was sentenced to a fine of N150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand

Naira) by Justice Mohammed Tukur of the Kaduna State High Court, for presenting forged documents to stand surety for a suspect under investigation by the Kaduna Zonal Office of the Commission.

The convict pleaded guilty to the one count of impersonation and forgery preferred against him by the Commission.

The charge reads, "that you Umar Gambo sometime in September, 2019 in Kaduna within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did commit an offence to wit; impersonation by falsely representing yourself as the " Principal Officer" of General Hospital Makarfi, and in such assumed character secured the release of Abdullahi Rangai by presenting same to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission when you knew or have reasons to believe that it is forged and you thereby committed an offence punishable under section 142(2) of the Penal Code Law of Kaduna State, 2017".

The press release includes photos:

[electrician-surety-jailed-for-internet-fraud-impersonation](#)

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### **EFCC Arrests Medical Doctor, 17 Other Alleged Internet Fraud Suspects in Owerri**

Operatives of the Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 arrested a 28-year-old medical practitioner, Chijioke Precious and 17 others over alleged internet fraud in Owerri, Imo State.

The 17 others whose ages range between 21 and 34 are; Anthony Joshua, Henry Mezie, Chukwuebuka Ahiwe, Michael Chinagorom, Jossy Irokwe, Ibe Chukwuebuka, Iroadinma Chibuike, Uchekwuwu Divine and Nwosu Emmanuel.

Others include Kenneth Williams, Mmesoma Oparanozie, Chikezie Ogochukwu, Uchenna Ejiogu, Victor Chijioke, Chidera Cyprian, Chukwuebuka Precious and Anyaehie Kelvin.

They were arrested based on intelligence around 1am on Wednesday at Umuguma area of "World Bank" in Owerri, Imo state.

Recovered are 7 luxurious cars which include, one green lexus ES350, one blue Lexus ES320, two Toyota Venza, one silver Lexus RX 350, one black Toyota and one white Mercedes Benz 4Matic.

Other items recovered include over 20 sophisticated mobile phones, more than 12 laptops, four inverter batteries, one big screen television and jewelries suspected to be proceeds of crime.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-medical-doctor-17-other-alleged-internet-fraud-suspects-in-owerri](#)

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### **28 Internet Fraud Suspect in EFCC's Net in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested 28 internet fraud suspects at different locations in the Abule Egba area of Lagos State.

The suspects include Emanuel Duke, Fortune Stephen, Okpesa Kenneth, James Taiwo, Lamina Toyeeb, Amusa Ahmed, Lezor Ture Bright, Kehinde Adeleye, Godwin Obayuwana, Ajao Sodiq, Adebimpe Ayo, Iwuala Jesse, Joseph Duke Otega, Amusa Ridwan, Ememerurie Daniel and Gift Ogbaro.

Others are: Ayokunmi Adeyinka, Michael Stephen, Lateef Olatayo, Sunday Richard, Kazeem Jubril Alade, Muhammed Abubakar, David Stephen Jonah, Usman Olatunbosun Ituah Eghoboi, Tayo Joshua, Osume Collins, and Musa Husseini.

They allegedly used different pseudo names to defraud unsuspecting victims.

Luxury cars, sophisticated phones and laptops were recovered from them during the arrest.

They will be charged to court upon conclusion of investigations.

The press release includes a photo:

[28-internet-fraud-suspect-in-efcc-s-net-in-lagos](#)

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### **Court Sends Ilorin Yahoo Boy to Prison over Love Scam**

A 34-year-old graduate, Kelvin Isioma Monye, was on Monday February 15, 2021 sentenced to six months imprisonment by Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin, having found him guilty of offences bordering on romance scam.

Monye, a graduate of Agricultural Science, was arraigned on a two-count charge by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

His problem started on January 12, 2021 when some concerned residents of Tanke area in Ilorin petitioned the Commission over the activities of some internet fraudsters around the neighbourhood. Investigations into the petition led to his arrest.

Particulars of count 2 of the charge read: "That you, Kelvin Isioma Monye (alias: Hassan George), sometime in the month of June 2018, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did cheat by personation, by portraying yourself as a white male named Hassan via your email address kelvinmonye37@gmail.com to one Louise Evan and induced her to send you \$1000 in gift cards, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code Law."

He pleaded 'guilty' to the two counts.

While reviewing the facts of the case, Olasode Olumide, an operative of the EFCC told the court that Monye was arrested on January 13, 2021.

"He was profiled and in the process an iPhone 6 and a Sony Laptop were recovered from him", Olumide said.

The witness said several fraudulent documents were printed out from Monye's email address in the presence of his lawyer. He stated that further findings showed that the defendant was a Nigerian, but claimed to be an American citizen.

The witness, however, informed the court that the defendant in the course of investigation brought a draft of N460, 000 (Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand Naira) as restitution of his crime.

In his judgment, Justice Abdulgafar convicted and sentenced Monye to three months imprisonment on each of the two counts, adding that the sentences would run concurrently.

The judge, in addition ordered that the iPhone 6 and Sony Laptop which were used as instruments of the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria, including the sum of N460,000 (Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand Naira) which he restituted.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-sends-ilorin-yahoo-boy-to-prison-over-love-scam](#)

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### **Kwara Varsity Student Faces Trial over Romance Scam**

A student of Kwara State University, KWASU, Malete, Atoyebi Ayodeji Blessing, was on Friday February 12, 2021 arraigned on one count charge bordering on romance scam and related internet fraud before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

He was arraigned by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

Atoyebi, 20, currently studying Agricultural and Biological Engineering in the University while masquerading as a white female (Sophia Bambi), allegedly opened a gmail account which he used in defrauding unsuspecting victims under the guise of being in love with them before the law caught up with him.

The offence contravenes Section 6 and punishable under Section 8 and 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006.

The charge reads:

"That you, Atoyebi Ayodeji Blessing ( alias Sophia Bambi), sometime in January, 2021 or thereabout at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court knowingly had in your possession some documents, in form of email chats, containing false pretence where you represented yourself to be one Sophia Bambi, a white female with gmail account: sphiabambi8@gmail.com who wanted to have paid sex with one Dalton Gilmore as it is contained in your gmail account: sphiabambi8@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6 and punishable under Section 8 and 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Following his plea, counsel to the EFCC, A. A Adebayo urged the court to fix a date for trial and order the remand of the defendant in Nigerian Correctional Service Facility, Ilorin.

However, Atoyebi's counsel, Osinachi Odom, argued that the offence upon which the defendant was brought to court is bailable, and prayed that he be admitted to bail.

Justice Abdulgafar in a bench ruling granted bail to the defendant in the sum of N1million with two sureties who must be his blood relation.

The press release includes a photo:

[kwara-varsity-student-faces-trial-over-romance-scam](#)

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15 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Seven Internet Fraud Suspects in Benin**

The Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday, February 12, 2021 arrested seven persons in Benin City, Edo State for alleged internet fraud.

The suspects who were arrested based on actionable intelligence by the Commission

are Agbi Alaba Favour, Aigbata Wilson, Chukwudi John, Momodu Abdulmalik, William David, Acien Simeon and Otasowie Osariemen.

Items recovered from the suspects include lap top computers, mobile Phones, a Toyota Camry car and a Mercedes-Benz GLK 350.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-seven-internet-fraud-suspects-in-benin](#)

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### **Couple Bags 40 Years Jail Term for N53m Fraud**

A couple, Ebiesuwa Abayomi Fredrick and his wife, Tinuola Idayat Oyegunle, have been sentenced to 40 years imprisonment each. Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State today, February 15, 2021 found them guilty on all four counts of conspiracy and obtaining by false pretence brought against them by the Ibadan Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

The couple, in a classic advance fee fraud scheme, fleeced one Dinni Olateru Olagbegi N53, 713, 260.00 (Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Naira) in cash and bank transfer through a spiritual cleansing gambit in order to avoid calamitous consequence of mysterious sudden death having heard conversation by a syndicate about a Ghana- Must –Go bag stuffed with United States Dollar bills in the boot of a car. She was also tricked into bringing funds to cleanse supposed USD bliss.

The victim had sometimes in May 2013, boarded a taxi cab with three other passengers who, unknown to her, were members of a syndicate of fraudsters. As soon as she entered the vehicle, she heard the three other supposed passengers arguing about a Ghana-Must-Go bag filled with US Dollars in the boot of the car.

Moments later, one of the syndicate member told her that she must be cleansed to avert sudden and mysterious death having heard their discussion. She was taken to an unknown destination, where she subsequently started giving the defendants, and the other members of the syndicate (at large) various sums in cash and bank payment totaling N53, 713, 260.00 (Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Naira) to buy instruments for the cleansing of United States Dollar notes, which she allegedly sourced from the sale of her properties in both Ibadan and Lagos.

In the course of investigation, It was discovered that over N9m ( Nine Million Naira) was paid into the second defendant, Tinuola Idayat Oyegunle’s account domicile in one of the third generation banks; apart from other funds traced to the first defendant, Ebiesuwa Abayomi Fredrick’s account.

It was also discovered that the first defendant built Victoria East Park Hotel & Suite located at Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos State from the proceeds of the crime.

In his judgment today, Justice Abdulmalik found the couple guilty of the four-count charge and sentenced both of them to 10 years imprisonment on each of the four counts. However, while Ebiesuwa’s prison term takes effect from June 19, 2017 when he was arrested, Tinuola’s time in the Custodial Centre will start counting from May 26, 2017 when she was arrested.

The Judge also ordered that Victoria East Park Hotel & Suite, “be sold and the proceed, if not up to N53, 713, 260.00 (Fifty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Naira) be returned to the victim in the case and if it exceeds,

the balance be paid into the Federal Government's account”.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Ebiesuwa Abayomi Fredrick, Tinuola Idayat Oyegunle and (others still at large) between 28 March, 2014 at Ibadan, within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, with intent to defraud did obtain by false pretense, the sum of Nine Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Naira (N9,352,100.00) only, from one Dumni Olateru-Olagbegi, under the pretense that the money was to be used to purchase instrument for the cleansing of United States of American Dollar notes, which pretense you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 1 (1) & (2) and punishable under section 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2016."

The press release includes photos:

[couple-bags-40-years-jail-term-for-n53m-fraud](#)

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### **EFCC Arrests 20 Suspected Internet Fraudsters**

Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 20 (Twenty) suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects are: Onyebuchi Victor; Israel Victor; Emeka Clinton; Stanley Uche; Onyemachi Stanley; Ikechukwu Agbalieze; Franklin Ugoegbu; Nze Collins; Nwokoro Santus and Agocha Johnson.

Others are: Oscar Anumata; Emeka Clinton Nkeoga; Ogwu Chukwu Akagha Marvis; Victor Obioha; Charles Onyemesi; Awunnaya Victor; Henry Stephni; Jerrard Uwaima, Franklin Uzoma and Obidike Abuchi.

They were arrested on Friday, February 12, 2021 at New Owerri, Emenike Estate, Noble Abode, Owerri, Imo State.

Items recovered from them include: Forty (40) mobile phones, seventeen (17) laptops of different brands and six (6) vehicles: one (1) blue-coloured Toyota Corolla car; one (1) black-coloured Acura ZX car; one (1) ash-coloured Lexus GX 460 Sports Utility Vehicle; one (1) green- coloured Venza car, one (1) black-coloured Mercedes Benz car and one (1) ash-coloured Lexus 330 SUV.

Others are thirteen (13) Powers of Attorney, five (5) architectural documents and a folder containing some other documents.

The suspects would be charged to court when investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-20-suspected-internet-fraudsters](#)

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10 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Raids Yahoo Boys Hideouts in Osun, Ogun; Arrests 39 Suspects**

The Ibadan zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, arrested 39 internet fraud suspects, also known as 'Yahoo-Yahoo Boys'.

Ten of them were arrested at Ilesha, Osun State, while Twenty-nine others were arrested in different locations at Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State.

Those arrested at Ilesha are: Oyesoji Tosin, Olaniyi Emmanuel, Samson Ojo, Sodiq Sunkanmi, Kolawole Abiodun, Oluwole Gbenga, Olajuyigbe Olamide, Oyebanji Olabisi Temitope, Ayoola Oluwafemi, and Oluwatobiloba Gbadamosi .

The suspects arrested at Ago-Iwoye include Emmanuel Lawal, Kareem Olamide, Adekunle Kehinde Salawu, Bella Tijesu, Aderibigbe Adedoyin, Anifowose Hammed, Lateef Adetayo, Busari Oluwatobi, Tobi Adeyemi, Gabriel Obisesan, Oluwole Oluwakanmi and Odetola Samson.

Others are Farouq Dosu, Ayilara Akindeji, Ademola Adedare, Ishola Adeleke, Alex Olasunmade, Idowu Abolaji, Okegbenro Idris, Akinlolu Akintunde, Oshobokeye Shashaeniyani, Adeyemi Opeyemi, Oluwatoyin Olutekunbi, Albert Charles, Olawuyi Olanrewaju, Tunde Adekoya, Gbolahan Olalekan, Alade Oluwasegun and Ajanaku Qudus.

The suspects were arrested after series of surveillance based on intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from them include seven cars, laptop computers, mobile phones, and several documents containing false presences.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The article includes a photo:

[efcc-raids-yahoo-boys-hideouts-in-osun-ogun-arrests-39-suspects](#)

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10 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Nabs Six Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Jos**

A special team of the Tactical Operations Unit of the Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested six suspected internet fraudsters from their hideouts in Jos, Plateau State.

The suspects, aged 23 to 33 years, who are believed to be involved in romance and other related internet fraud, were arrested in the early hours of Monday, February 8, 2021, following actionable intelligence received by the Commission.

They include, Paul Chukwuemeka Obide ( a.k.a, Don P), Chinaza Obide and Obadare Obayemi.

Others are Emmanuel Adetunji, Ndubuisi Kerian Ozomba and Samuel Chukwuebuka.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-nabs-six-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-jos](#)

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### **EFCC Arrests 14 for Internet Fraud in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested 14 persons following series of intelligence on their alleged fraudulent activities. They were arrested at 1004 Estate, Victoria Island, Lagos on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

The suspects are: Akin Abiola Daramola, Stephen Augustine Terungwa, Oluwateru Abiodun Samson, Jeffrey Imariagbe Ehis, Uwajiala Odion Henry,

Solomon Abidiran Pelumi, Adebayo Oluwatobi Isaac Olamide and Odunifa Joseph Opomulero.

Others are: Adulkarim Samad Olalekan, Anne Davidson, Ibrahim Enakere Emmanuel, Abayomi Oluwagbenga Olowoake, Israel Jigah Sokoamtu, Oluwaseun Olajuwon Ibrahim and Isaiah Effiong.

They have been interrogated and will soon be arraigned in court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-14-for-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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9 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Nine Suspects for Internet Fraud in Benin City**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office today, Tuesday, February 9, 2021 arrested nine suspected internet fraudsters in an early morning operation in Benin City, Edo State.

The suspects who were arrested following intelligence received by the Commission are Okosun Godspower, Imo Harry Hamilton, Efosa Desmond, Odiase Aifuwa, Idoko Onakpa, Dogio Samson, Okukoje Godstime, Onuigbo Julius and Osamulu Sunday.

Items recovered from them include laptop computers, mobile phones, a Toyota Camry car and a Lexus Jeep.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-nine-suspects-for-internet-fraud-in-benin-city](#)

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### **Kwara Lecturer Guilty of Love Scam**

The Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, February 8, 2021 arraigned one Opashola Abdullahi, a lecturer of the Kwara State College of Health Technology, Offa, on one count charge bordering on romance scam before Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin.

Opashola was among the 32 internet fraud suspects arrested in Offa on September 14, 2020. His offence contravenes Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law.

The charge reads "That you, Opashola Abdullahi, (alias Devin Snow), sometime in the month of August 2020 in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did attempt to cheat by personation, by portraying yourself as a female named Devine Snow via your email address devinesnow677@gmail.com to one Eugene Myvett in order to induce him to send you \$200 USD, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law"

The embattled lecturer pleaded 'guilty' when the charge was read to him.

Following his plea, counsel to EFCC, Andrew Akoja, led Paul Kera, an operative of EFCC in evidence to review the facts of the case.

Kera narrated how investigation on a petition received by the Commission on the activities of internet fraudsters operating in Offa area of Kwara State led to the arrest of the defendant.

"Our findings revealed that the defendant created an email address which he was using to defraud unsuspecting victims. During a search executed in his house, we recovered an Infinix Nokia phone which he used as instrumentality of the crime. The defendant was taken to our Office, where he volunteered his statement", Kera told the court.

Documents including copies of his statements, two computer attestation forms, an Infinix phone recovered from the defendant as well as the fraudulent messages printed out of his email account were tendered and admitted in evidence.

Thereafter, Akoja urged the court to convict the defendant based on his plea and evidence placed before it.

Justice Akinpelu, while discharging the witness from the witness box fixed February 23, 2021 for judgment.

"The defendant is to remain EFCC custody pending judgment", the judge added

The press release includes a photo:

[kwara-lecturer-guilty-of-love-scam](#)

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5 FEB 2021

### **Court Sends Two Internet Fraudsters to Jail in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of two Internet fraudsters, Ighosotu Daniel Duwa and Eseoghene Oruteri Enoch before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court, Ikeja, Lagos.

The EFCC, on February 5, 2021, arraigned Ighosotu Daniel Duwa and Eseoghene Oruteri Enoch separately on one count charge bordering on possession of documents containing false pretences and advance fee fraud, to which they pleaded guilty.

Delivering her judgment, Justice Dada sentenced the defendants to 12 months imprisonment with an option of N3, 000,000 (Three Million Naira) fine.

The Judge also ordered that the two Samsung mobile phones recovered from them be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-sends-two-internet-fraudsters-to-jail-in-lagos](#)

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5 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Nabs Seven Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Ibadan**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Friday, February 5, 2021 swooped on suspected internet fraudsters at their hideout in Wisdom Estate, Akobo area of Ibadan.

The early morning operation, which followed series of intelligence on the alleged criminal activities of the syndicate, resulted in the arrest of seven suspects between the ages of 17 and 29 years.

The suspects include Sodiq Oluwasegun, Opeyemi Jamiu, Babatunde Damilare, Adisa Babatunde, Abayomi Taofeek, Oluyemi Kayode and Ambrose Timothy.

Items recovered from them include a Lexus RX350 SUV, laptops, different models of expensive iPhones and several documents containing false pretenses.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press released includes a photo:

efcc-nabs-seven-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-ibadan  
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### **Court Finds Varsity Graduate Guilty of Love Scam**

A 21-year-old Graduate of the Kwara State University, KWASU, Ahmed Bolaji, was on Thursday, February 4, 2021 convicted by Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin over offences bordering on love scam.

The conviction followed his arraignment by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on one-count charge of internet fraud contrary to Section 95 and punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code.

The charge reads "That you, Ahmed Bolaji (Rose Mary) sometime in January 2021, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did attempt to cheat by personation, when you pretended to be one Rose Mary a white female with gmail account mrose5645@gmail.com, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code."

Upon his arraignment, Bolaji, a graduate of mass communication, "pleaded guilty" to the charge.

Following his plea, Loveday Godwin, an operative of the Commission was called upon to review the facts of the case.

Godwin narrated how a reported case of internet fraud led to the arrest of the convict.

His words: "My Lord, on the 13th January, 2021 we arrested the defendant and 'Ownership Attestation Form' was given to him where his email addresses and their password was filled accordingly and necessary investigations were carried out"

According to him, Bolaji did not succeed in collecting money from his victims before he was arrested, but wanted to obtain money from one Mr. Shawn Smith while fraudulently parading himself as Rosemary.

Documents and two mobile phones used as instrumentality of the crime were tendered and admitted in evidence. Thereafter, counsel to EFCC, Sesan Ola, urged the court to convict Bolaji based on his plea and the evidence tendered.

In his judgment, Justice Oyinloye said the evidence placed before the court showed that the prosecution proved its case beyond reasonable doubts and pronounced him guilty as charged.

The court ordered the convict to pay a sum of N100, 000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira Only) or serve a term of six months in prison.

The press release includes a photo:

3 FEB 2021

### **Court Jails Three for Internet Fraud in Enugu**

Justice N.I Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu on February 2, 2021, convicted and sentenced the duo of Ebene Favour and Desmond Onumajuru to one year imprisonment each on separate one count charges bordering on internet fraud.

The convicts, upon arraignment, pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu zonal office.

One of the charges reads: "that you Desmond Onumajuru, on or about the 26th day of September 2020, in Enugu, Enugu State, within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, fraudulently presented yourself as Alicia Park, when you held out to one Mr. Sangig Lim, a white Male, that you are a female nurse who was attached to the United States military in Syria, with intent to obtain money from him and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (4) and punishable under Section 22 (4) of cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention etc) Act 2015."

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, led by Mbachie Innocent Iorwundu and Igwe Christiana Chioma urged the court to convict them accordingly.

Justice Buba, after reviewing the evidence before the court, held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and convicted and sentenced both men, while giving them an option of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100, 000.00) fine each.

In a similar development, Justice R.O Dugbo Oghoghorie of Federal High Court, also in Enugu found one Obinna Ozor Peter, a Computer Science student of Imo State University, guilty of one count charge of internet fraud and sentenced him to three months imprisonment with the option of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000) fine.

Ozor and Onumajuru were arrested in Owerri, Imo State while Ebene was arrested in Enugu.

Investigation showed that the convicts were defrauding unsuspecting victims of huge sums of money by using fake or stolen Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Whatsapp profiles to solicit for friendship from foreigners, especially white males or females in the U.S.A, Vietnam, U.K, Germany, among others.

The press release includes photos:

2 FEB 2021

### **Another Fraudster Bags Four Months Jail Term in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office, on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, secured the conviction of one Oluwatobi Damilola Aina before Justice Ladiran Akintola of the Oyo State High Court, sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State.

The 26-year-old who claimed to be a fashion enthusiast, was arrested on September 29, 2020, when the Commission got wind of his fraudulent activities and consequently charged to court on one-count charge bordering on impersonation.

The charge reads, "Oluwatobi Damilola Aina, sometimes between the month of January and October 2020 at Ibadan within the Ibadan Judicial Division of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, falsely represented yourself as a female known as Namita Cooling".

He pleaded guilty to the charge.

In view his plea, he was convicted and sentenced to four months in prison.

The court also ordered him to reconstitute items recovered from him to the Federal Government of Nigeria through the EFCC.

The press release includes a photo:

[another-fraudster-bags-four-months-jail-term-in-ibadan](#)

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2 FEB 2021

### **19 Internet Fraud Suspects in EFCC's Net**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have apprehended nineteen suspects allegedly involved in internet and related criminal activities.

They were smoked out of their hideout, a guest house located in the Mpape suburb of Abuja on January 29, 2021.

The arrest followed actionable intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

The suspects are Sheyi Abimbola, Ogunsanmi Mola, Akinyemi Ayomide, Babatunde Owoeye, Ife – Oluwa Gbadebo, Friday Owocho, Olorunwa Emmanuel, Jibrin Sediq, Jonah Maxwell, Ibrahim Mustapha and Shaibu Chris.

Others are Gabriel Ekele, Kolawole Omitogun, Washma Samuel, Yusuf Ayomide Abdulazeez, Moshood Awowole, Farouk Olamilekan, Adebayo Samuel and Lekan Olufowobi.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones and laptop computers containing various incriminating documents.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigation is conclude

The press release includes a photo:

[19-internet-fraud-suspects-in-efcc-s-net](#)

1 FEB 2021

### **EFCC Docks Corps Member, One Other Over Alleged Love Scam**

The Ilorin Zonal Office of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, February 1, 2021 arraigned a serving corps member, Sam Abiola and one Adebisi Sodiq on separate charges bordering on love scam before Justice Adenike Akinpelu of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

Abiola, who is currently serving in Kogi State was arraigned on one count charge, while four counts were preferred against Sodiq, to which they pleaded 'guilty'.

The charge against Abiola reads:"That you, Sam Abiola ( Missie Bonie) sometime between July, 2019 and September, 2019 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Missie Bonie a white female with gmail account, missiebo271@gmail.com, and fraudulently deceived one Rick to send \$550 (Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars) to you through gift card after you made him believe you were in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code"

For Sodiq, count three of the charge reads: "That you, Adebisi Sodiq, (Alias: Maria Monica sometime in the month of August 2020, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did cheat by personation via your email address terrellwhite856@gmail.com to one Manny, by portraying yourself as a white female named Maria and induced him to send you his Cash App, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 324 of the Penal Code and punishable under the same Section of the Law"

Upon Abiola's guilty plea, the prosecuting counsel, O. B Akinsola, invited to the witness box one Ali Mohammed, an operative of the EFCC to review the facts of the case.

Mohammed narrated how the defendant was arrested based on the anonymous petition received by the Commission on the activities of fraudsters around Offa area of Kwara State. Documents showing fraudulent messages printed out of the email of the defendant were tendered and admitted in evidence.

In a similar fashion, Sesan Ola, prosecuting for EFCC on Sodiq's case called on Eze Uchenna, an operative of the Commission to review the facts of the case. Uchenna also narrated the defendant's involvement in the alleged offence and tendered documents which were admitted in evidence.

Justice Akinpelu, while discharging the witnesses fixed February 11, for judgement.

It would be recall that the Ilorin Zonal Office of the EFCC on September 14, 2019 executed an operation at Offa in Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State where about 33 suspected fraudsters were arrested for various offences bordering on internet fraud.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-docks-corps-member-one-other-over-alleged-love-scam](#)

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29 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 10 Yahoo-Yahoo 'Students' In Abuja**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on January 29, 2021 arrested 10 suspects over computer-related fraud known as 'Yahoo-Yahoo'.

They were arrested at their Academy in Bwari axis of Abuja where they were said to be learning the trade of cyber trickery.

The suspects aged between 20 and 30 years, are Sixtus Jude, Moses Samuel, Isalan Johnny, Dapet Nimshak, Samuel Ogboche, Victor Samuel, Victor Asuquo, Ibrahim Yunusa, Yahaya Usman and Chijoke Ikwoha.

They were arrested with different incriminating items such as mobile phones and computers.

The promoter of the Academy is however on the run, Investigations showed that the sponsor recruits and train young individuals who show interest in internet fraud.

The sponsor gets his percentage of their earnings based on an agreement between him and the recruits. He also serves as a conduit for laundering the money gotten from internet fraud by some of the suspects.

The suspects will be prosecuted when investigation is completed.

The press release includes a photo:

29 JAN 2021

**N525m Internet Fraud: Scales Opts For Plea Bargain, Ready to Forfeit N108m Properties- Witness**

The trial-within-trial of Scales Ishola Olatunji, a suspected serial fraudster resumed on Friday, January 29, 2021 before Justice Agatha Okeke of the Federal High Court sitting in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC presenting its third prosecution witness, Shedrack Babs Iyo who informed the court that Scales who was arraigned on July 2, 2019, had written to the Commission, opting for a plea bargain agreement, wherein he would forfeit two of his properties worth over N108 million.

Scales is being prosecuted by the Uyo zonal office of the EFCC on a 45-count charge bordering on impersonation, obtaining by false pretence, conspiracy and fraud to the tune of N525m. He pleaded not guilty upon arraignment.

When the matter came up on December 10, 2020, the prosecuting counsel, Nwandu Ukoha, through Mubarak Mohammed Sade (the third Prosecution Witness in the main trial) sought to tender a document dated December 5, 2020 before the court but was opposed by the defense counsel, Jane Obika on the grounds that the statement was taken under duress. This led to the trial-within-trial and the prosecution opened its case on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

While being led in evidence by Ukoha, Iyo, an operative of the EFCC, told the court that after the defendant was arraigned on July 2, 2019 and was remanded in Uyo Correctional Centre, the Commission received a handwritten application from the defendant titled "Application for Plea Bargain" dated November 19, 2019.

Iyo said, "My lord, in the application, the defendant said he had instructed his lawyer, one Stanley Negbenebor and Barrister Peter Mba to negotiate with the Commission regarding terms and conditions of his plea bargain. It was on this note that on the 5th of December 2019, the Commission detailed Detective Moses Otitoju and myself to confirm the genuineness of the letter coming from the defendant who had been arraigned in court and remanded in prison custody.

"My lord, on getting there, the defendant was brought out by the then Comptroller of Uyo Correctional Service. The defendant was interviewed by us in the presence of the Comptroller, his Second- in- Command, and the defendant's lawyer, Barrister Peter Mba".

The witness added that during the interview, the defendant was asked if he will put down what he told us in writing and he said yes. He explained that the defendant was cautioned and words of caution was administered to him, which he understood.

He volunteered his statement dated December 5, 2019 and repeated the content of the application for plea bargain. He further stated that his lawyer should handover documents of two properties. The first one is a four bedroom duplex lying and located at Number 6, Road 2, Westend Estate, Ikota Lagos State which was bought in the name of his wife Stephanie Chioma Scales for N43.5million" the witness said.

He continued, "The second property lying and located at Number 10 Donatus Street, Ikate, Elegushi, Lagos State which he bought in the name of his in-law, the younger brother to his wife one Alexis Ikechukwu Akpabue worth N65million". He further added that the two properties were derived from proceeds of crime".

The prosecution closed its case thereafter and the matter was adjourned till February 25 and 26, 2021 for the defence to open its case in trial-within-trial.

The press release includes a photo:

29 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 30 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Enugu**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal office on Thursday January 28, 2021 arrested 30 (Thirty) suspects for various internet-related offences in Enugu.

Their arrest at Thinkers Corner Extension, followed actionable intelligence obtained by the Commission on their alleged criminal activities which targeted mostly foreigners.

The suspects are, Raphael Chidiebere, Dr. Onyechiefuna Victor, Oliobi Chukwujekwu, Alozie Ikenna, Lakeru John, Chijioke Onyedika, Chikwube Nwadinobi, Eze Chukwuebuka, Nwafor Ifeanyi, Chidobelu Chidera, Ozonwu Nnamdi, Joseph Emmanuel, Chukwunonyelu Chizoba Eze and Imachukwu Ogonna.

Others are Okwesi Kizito, Onuorah Emmanuel, Promise Okpowasili, Ezeanu Ugochukwu, Ogbonna Emenike, Ibeka Nzeribe, Nike Stanley Onyekachi, Chukwubuikem, Odonon Charles Chimindu, Onyechiefuna Franklin, Onyechiefuna Samuel, Iluka Fernando Chike, Udemefuna Daniel, Chiedu Chike Kingsley, Ezema Ikenna and Chuka Okoye.

In the course of the arrest, various exotic cars including brand new Lexus ES 350 with no registration number, Black Toyota 2.4 with registration number ENU-598-SU, Black Mercedes Benz ML 350 jeep with registration number ABJ-275-DB, Black Lexus ES 330 with registration number UWN-901-MP, Black Lexus ES 350 with registration number JJJ-900-GK were recovered from the suspects.

Other incriminating materials recovered from them include various mobile phones and laptop computers.

They will be charged to court as soon as the investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-30-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](https://www.efcc.gov.ng/press-releases/efcc-arrests-30-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu)

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28 JAN 2021

### **Sales Rep Bags 18-Months Jail Term For Internet Fraud in Ekiti**

Justice Babs Kwuemi of the Federal High Court sitting in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State, on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, convicted and sentenced one Adelanke Adesola Abiodun (a.k.a. Richard Lopez, a.k.a. Walker Fabian Gregory) to 18-months imprisonment for impersonation.

The 25-year-old who claimed to be an Accounting graduate from Ekiti State University was a sales representative with a private company when he was arrested by the Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Crime Commission, EFCC, for internet fraud.

He pleaded guilty to one count amended charge preferred against him.

Consequently, the presiding judge convicted and sentenced him to 18-months imprisonment.

Justice Kwuemi thereafter gave a consequential order that he restitutes to his victim, one Frida Thorsdottir the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred United States of American Dollars), through the EFCC.

He is also to forfeit one iPad and Nokia Torch to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes a photo:

[sales-rep-bags-18-months-jail-term-for-internet-fraud-in-ekiti](#)

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28 JAN 2021

## **EFCC Arrests Two Brothers, Six Other Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Osogbo ...4 Internet Fraudsters Convicted In Lagos**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Thursday, January 28, 2021, arrested eight men suspected to be internet fraudsters in Osogbo, Osun State.

The suspects Akinrinmade Adepoju Sunday and his brother Akinrinmade Adeniyi were arrested in their room and parlor apartment, others are Dennis Oluwamuyiwa, Oni Oluwaseyi, Adeyemo Adeyinka, Aborisade Abayomi, Goodluck Olatayo, and Gbolahan Sodiq.

They were arrested at their hideout in Ayegbami area of the ancient town by operatives, working on actionable intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include two cars, laptops and mobile phones.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

In a related development, the Lagos Zonal office of the Commission has secured the conviction of four internet fraudsters.

The convicts are: Christopher Blessed Unimke, Raji Adeshola Quadri, Raji Ayoola Yusuf, and Adebowale Kehinde.

Christopher was arrested on August 21, 2020 by operatives following a raid at Plot 11/12 Ayo Babatunde Crescent, Lekki, Lagos. He was arraigned before Justice Sherifah Solebo of the Special Offences Court, Ikeja, on January 21, 2021.

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge of possession of fraudulent documents contrary to Section 318 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015.

Justice Solebo convicted and sentenced him to three months in prison with an option of fine of N50, 000. The Court ordered that the items recovered from him, including one iPhone X and one Nokia Touch-Light phone be forfeited to the federal government.

Quadri, Yusuf and Kehinde, were arraigned before Justice O.O.A Fadipe of the Lagos State High Court, on January 25, 2021.

They all pleaded "guilty" to the charge of possessing documents containing false pretenses, which were used to perpetrate internet fraud.

Justice Fadipe, thereafter, convicted them accordingly, and sentenced Kehinde and Quadri to one year in prison, while Yusuf was sentenced to nine months in prison.

Items recovered from them, which also included a Mercedes Benz 4matic car, iPhones, Android phones, gold pendant, cartier wrist watch and Apple laptop were ordered forfeited to the federal government.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-two-brothers-six-other-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-osogbo-4-internet-fraudsters-convicted-in-lagos](#)

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27 JAN 2021

## **EFCC Arrests Three Dubai-based Suspected Internet Fraudsters, 14 others in Lagos**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, have arrested three Dubai based suspected internet fraudsters and 14 others in Lagos.

They were arrested, Tuesday January 26, and Wednesday 27, 2021 at different locations following series of intelligence detailing their alleged involvement in internet fraud and other related offences in Nigeria and abroad.

The Dubai- based suspects who were arrested at Victory Nest Estate, Jakande, Lekki, Lagos today January 27, 2021. are; Samuel Oluwasegun Olayinka, Afeez Fajumobi and Olamide Olamilekan Olaofe, while their accomplice caught with them includes Amao Oluwatobi, Amao Joshua, Adeyemo Olatunde, Solomon Emelike, Lawrence Nwodu and Philip Olamilekan.

Others suspects who were arrested at 41c, Muritala Eletu Osapa London, Lekki area of Lagos on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 include Ogbenusi Ibrahim, Kelechi Collins Ndubuka, Sadiq Adewale, John Okafor Eze, Adewale Lateef, Hassan Mohammed, Tunde Lawal and Hussaini Adebayo.

They will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-three-dubai-based-suspected-internet-fraudsters-14-others-in-lagos](#)

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26 JAN 2021

## **22 Yahoo Boys Arrested in Lagos**

Operatives of the Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC have arrested 22 persons for their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

They are: Muyiwa Adetola, Adeolu Damilade, Oritsetimeyin Abel, Ademola Lekan, Abayomi Qudus, Isaac Chibueze, Ayeni Olarewaju, Aminu Kelvin, Ajama Patrick and Nesta Olotu.

Others are: Odaro Edogiwere, Balogun Ayo, Mustapha Hassan, Musbaudeen Olamilekan, Adewumi Adebayo, Charles Akpene, Joshua Ugwuomere, Ayeni Isamilola, Ogundare Kayode, Kara Uzuegbu, Akindele Samuel and Oladimeji Ashiru.

They were arrested at their various residence at Terra Annex Estate, Sangoteddo in the Ajah area of Lagos, on January 23, 2021 following actionable intelligence.

They have undergone further interrogation and will soon be arraigned in court.

The press release includes a photo:

[22-yahoo-boys-arrested-in-lagos](#)

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26 JAN 2021

## **EFCC Arrests Eight Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt**

The Port Harcourt Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested eight individuals suspected to be internet fraudsters.

They were arrested on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at their hideouts in Mandela Housing Estate, Rumuokoro and Street 1, Radio Road Estate, Ozuoba, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The suspects, comprising seven young men and one lady, are: Vandross Ebre; Tochukwu Mbonu; Charles Mba; Okoroma Robinson; Ruth Allison; Timothy Godspower, Kingsley Obilor and Sampson Ajaka.

Their arrest followed intelligence reports on alleged internet-related fraudulent activities.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-eight-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

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26 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 13-Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Monday, January 25, 2021, arrested 13 suspected internet fraudsters in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Their arrest was triggered by intelligence reports detailing their alleged involvement in internet fraud and other related offences.

The suspects are: Kayode Adeoye, Ogunleye Yemi, Adio Taheed, Olaniyi Joshua, AbdulAfeez Kehinde.

Others are: Bakare Omolayo, Adesuntola Adebayo, Ridwan Gbolahan, Abdulfatai Waliu, Olayiwola Olamilekan, Raji Wasiu, Olawale Ibrahim and Tajudeen Mojeed.

Four cars, Phones, Laptops and other incriminating documents used in perpetrating the crime were recovered from them.

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

[efcc-arrests-13-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-ibadan](#)

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25 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Nabs 16 Alleged Internet Fraudsters in Lagos**

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC has effected the arrest of 16 young men in Lekki, a cosmopolitan area in the state, for allegedly engaging in internet fraud, popularly known as yahoo yahoo.

The suspected internet fraudsters are: Habeeb Adebayo, Marcus Wisdom, Caleb Triumphant Ezikiel, Akinduro Henry, Osarobo Osasere, and Oyelami Olatunji.

Others are: Pelumi Glory, Ehibor Joseph, Emmanuel Timileyin, Jefta Akpan, Okirhie Rukewe, Oxford Robinson, Onyeka Odika, Uzoma Gideon, Adebayo Oluwatobi, and Isreal Ugochukwu.

They were rounded-up on January 21, 2021 at the Ziroc Residence Hotel, Lekki, Lagos by operatives who have been tracking their activities.

Upon interrogation, they all confessed to engaging in different forms of computer-related fraud, including romance and love scam.

A further analysis of their mobile devices and computers, also confirmed their involvement in internet fraud.

They will soon be arraigned in court as investigations have already been concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-nabs-16-alleged-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

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22 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 11 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Osogbo**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Friday, January 22, 2021 arrested eleven suspected fraudsters. They were apprehended by operatives of the Commission who, acting on intelligence, swooped on their hideouts in Osogbo, the Osun State capital.

The Commission recovered twelve cars which include three Toyota Highlander SUVs, one Mercedes Benz GLK 350 SUV, One Acura SUV, two Honda Crosstour, two Toyota Venza and three other Toyota brands. Also recovered are phones, laptops and other devices..

The suspects, who variously claimed to be students, artisans, farmers and businessmen, are currently undergoing interrogation to ascertain their level of involvement in the alleged crime.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release incoudes photos:

[efcc-arrests-11-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-osogbo](#)

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22 JAN 2021

### **Two Undergraduates Arraigned for Internet Fraud in Enugu**

Two students of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa, Genesis Arinze Daniel and Chinedu Ayogu Christopher have been arraigned on separate one count charge of cybercrime before Justice N.I Buba of the Federal High Court, sitting in Enugu, Enugu State.

The defendants who were docked on Thursday January 21, pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against them by the Enugu Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The duo were arrested based on intelligence on their alleged involvement in cybercrimes activities and obtaining money by false pretenses from the unsuspecting victims, mostly foreigners.

Investigation by the EFCC revealed how Genesis created and operated Google and Instagram accounts using stolen identity of Thomas Bradley, a United Kingdom national based in Florida, USA, to defraud other foreigners. He also created Gmail account; tombradley689@gmail.com which he used to intercept emails messages and chats.

Genesis and Ayogu also engage in fraudulent online Forex Trading Company. Aside from acting as 'pickers' for syndicate of fraudsters.

In view of the plea of the defendants, the prosecution counsel, Rotimi Ajobiwe asked for a trial date while counsel to the 1st and 2nd defendants; I.U Okenwa moved motions for the bail of their clients which was not opposed by the prosecution.

Justice Buba, after listening to both counsel admitted the defendants to bail in the sum of One Million (N1,000,000.00) each, and one surety each in like sum.

The Court adjourned the matter till February 2, 2021 for commencement of trial.

The press release includes a photo:

[two-undergraduates-arraigned-for-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

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20 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests Seven In Ibadan Over Alleged Internet Fraud**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office, have arrested seven young men for alleged involvement in internet fraud.

They were arrested on January 20, 2020 at Olomi Area of Ibadan, following intelligence received from concerned members of the public on their alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from the suspects include two vehicles, mobile devices and laptops.

The suspects are undergoing further interrogation, the indicted will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-seven-in-ibadan-over-alleged-internet-fraud](#)

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20 JAN 2021

### **Ilorin Court Sends Internet Fraudster to Prison**

A 29-year-old internet fraudster, Ademola Adebukola alias "Holy Ghost" has been convicted on four counts of cheating and attempt to cheat by a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

Justice Adenike Akinpelu convicted and sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment on each of the counts after he pleaded guilty to the charges brought against him by the Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC. The sentences are to run concurrently from September 14, 2020.

The court also ordered the forfeiture of the convict's iPhone 5 and Dell Laptop, being the instrumentalities used to perpetrate the crime, to the Federal Government.

One of the charges against the convict reads:

"That you, Ademola Adebukola, sometime in 2018, at Ilorin, within the Judicial Division of the Kwara State High Court while acting as Blackmore G. Scott a.k.a Holy Ghost with email address holyghost643@gmail.com did attempt to cheat one Sherri Reed by fraudulently inducing her to deliver the sum of \$3,500 (Three Thousand, Five Hundred United States Dollars) to you under the guise of being in a romantic relationship with her and in need of money to clear goods at the Seaport and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code"

Another count reads:

"That you, Ademola Adebukola, sometime in July 2020, at Ilorin, within the Judicial Division of the Kwara State High Court while acting as David Frenchman

with email address mscruise@world@gmail.com did attempt to cheat by personation, when you presented yourself to one Wanda Smith of wsmith1166@yahoo.com as being a Caucasian Male in romantic relationship with her, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code. "

[ilorin-court-sends-internet-fraudster-to-prison](#)

Here is another version of the press release that has a photo of the "Holy Ghost":

[ilorin-court-sends-internet-fraudster-to-prison-2](#)

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19 JAN 2021

**Abeokuta Court Jails Two For Impersonation**

Justice Ibrahim Watilat of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta, Ogun State, on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters, Tobiloba Stephen Shokunbi and Emmanuel Korede Oladunjoye, to six months and four months imprisonment respectively.

The duo were found guilty of amended charges of criminal impersonation separately filed against them by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office.

The offence runs contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (i) of Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act.

They pleaded guilty to the charges when read to them.

While delivering his judgment, Justice Watilat ordered that the convicts forfeit all the items recovered from them in the course of investigation.

He also ordered Shokunbi and Oladunjoye to restitute \$1,000 (One Thousand United States Dollars), and \$160 (One Hundred and Sixty US Dollars) and N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) respectively to their victims.

The press release includes photos:

[abeokuta-court-jails-two-for-impersonation](#)

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18 JAN 2021

**Man Jailed 14 Months In Osogbo for Defrauding American of N19.6m [That is over \$400,000]**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, has secured the conviction of one Oteyowo Akinkunmi Samuel over internet-related fraud.

Justice Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of the Federal High Court sitting in Osogbo, Osun State pronounced the 32-year-old, who claimed to be a graduate of civil engineering, guilty of a one-count amended charge of criminal impersonation on Monday, January 18, 2021, and handed him fourteen months custodial sentence.

The crime offends Section 22(2) (b) (ii) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) of the same Act.

He was charged for defrauding one Warren Doh, an American, of a total sum of N19,664,128.50 (Nineteen Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Eight Naira, Fifty Kobo).

The convict had, however, approached the Commission for a plea bargain agreement which formed the basis for the amended charge with which he was arraigned and convicted of on Monday.

After pleading guilty to the amended charge, prosecution counsel Murtala Usman urged the court to convict him accordingly.

Apart from the jail term, the court also ordered Oteyowo to restitute the N19,664,128.50 to the victim of his crime.

[man-jailed-14-months-in-osogbo-for-defrauding-american-of-n19-6m](#)

419 Coalition comment: Somebody needs to make Real Sure the victim does indeed receive restitution from this 419er. Merely ordering it does Not mean the victim is actually going to get it! Follow up is necessary.  
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11 JAN 2021

### **Two Convicted for Cyber Crime in Ibadan**

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Monday, January 11, 2021, secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters before Justice Omolara Adeyemi of the Oyo State High Court 12, Ibadan.

The convicts, Olanrewaju Ibrahim Bidemi and Abiola Amoo David, were found guilty of obtaining money by false pretences contrary to Section 419 of the Criminal Code Cap 28 Laws of Oyo State 2000 and punishable under Section 419 of the same Act.

The duo pleaded guilty to their respective one-count charges when read to them.

Consequent upon their guilty plea, Justice Adeyemi convicted them and sentenced Olanrewaju and Abiola to one month and two months community service respectively with effect from the date of conviction.

Olanrewaju was ordered to restitute £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds Sterling), while Abiola was to restitute \$200 USD through the Federal Government of Nigeria to their victims.

The court also ordered that items recovered from them in the course of investigation be forfeited to the government.

The press release includes a photo:

[two-convicted-for-cyber-crime-in-ibadan](#)

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11 JAN 2021

### **EFCC Arrests 10 For Alleged Internet Fraud In Lagos**

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, have arrested 10 persons for their alleged involvement in computer-related fraud.

The suspects are: Jonathan Daniel Adebayo, Lawal Waidi Seun, Adeosun Joseph, Taiwo Gbemileke, Oseni Omotayo, Emmanuel Fakiyesi, Rasheed Ogunlana, Oladunni Segun, Sowunmi Rotimi and Efetobore Prince Wilfred.

They were arrested on Saturday, January 9, 2021 during an early morning operation in the Alagbado area of Lagos, following credible intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged criminal activities.

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest are cars, mobile phones, laptop

computers, passports, a digital video recorder and a cheque book.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-10-for-alleged-internet-fraud-in-lagos](#)

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