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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

31 DEC 2019

ODIAWA CASE RESTITUTION REMAINS A DECADE PLUS OVERDUE

Will EFCC EVER live up to its obligations in this matter?

419 Coalition would like to end 2019 with yet another plea for justice, recovery, and restitution, in the famous Odiawa case.....

According to private reports received by 419 Coalition from trusted sources, the EFCC has still neither recovered nor repatriated even \$1.00 in the famous Odiawa case of over a decade ago.

Readers will recall that the Odiawa case was one of the few back then in which the 419er was convicted in Nigeria and went to prison. Restitution of more than a million US\$ was ordered by the Court at that time. However, the Nigerian Government and the EFCC have been unable to recover and repatriate even \$1.00 to the victim as of the end of 2019.

Yes, you heard that right - over \$2 million was stolen by this convicted 419er, and the vaunted EFCC, in over a decade, could not even find \$1.00 to recover and repatriate to the victim. Neither 419er money, nor real estate, nor anything of any real value could be found to recover and "restitute".... Nothing....

The main man in charge of the EFCC's recovery and repatriation effort in this case was Mr. Olaolu Adegbite, who headed up the Advance Fee Fraud section of the EFCC from 2003 until March 2012, when he was promoted to Director of Operations of the EFCC. We're not too sure exactly what factors led to Mr. Adegbite's promotion, but his performance in the recovery and restitution phase of the Odiawa case certainly could not have been among them, given that there were no tangible results to show for his efforts in that regard....

In fact, EFCC looked so long in its fruitless search for Odiawa's tainted

assets that the convict has long finished up his jail sentence and has gone his merry way. Guess he is living on air or something though, since according to the EFCC he has no income or assets to seize to pay restitution out of.

Let us hope that 2020 will be the victim's lucky year and that the EFCC will see to it that the court ordered restitution actually gets paid.

You know, even in the unlikely event that Odiawa actually does have no assets to seize, the EFCC claims to have something like \$700 million in unclaimed monies recovered from 419ers sitting in escrow someplace.... at 419 Coalition, we say pay the restitution out of That - after all, it is victims' money, not Nigerian government money. So use it to compensate victims - and those with Court Ordered Restitution should be at the top of the list, our view!

Here is an Online Nigeria link to a story on the case which includes photos:

[Internet fraud kingpin bags 376 year jail term](#)

Here is another from The Register in the UK:

[419er jailed for 376 years](#)

419 Coalition note: Since the sentences on each count were to be served concurrently, the Actual jail sentence was 12 years (with time off for good behavior etc.).

24 DEC 2019

EFCC Secures Conviction of Three Internet Fraudsters in Abuja

Justice A.O Musa of the FCT High Court, Abuja, on Monday December 23, 2019, convicted and sentenced three internet fraudsters to 14 months imprisonment for defrauding their victims to the tune of \$4,385 USD.

The Abuja Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, arraigned Emakhu Perfect Odion (alias Harry Wilson/Micheal Brown), Chukwuemeka Chanimuya and Oris Karim Ogheneovo (alias James Hopkins) on separate charges that border on cheating, an offence contrary to Section 320(b) and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code Act, Laws of the Federation (Abuja).

While Emakhu was docked on a two count charge for duping victims of \$2,815.00 and \$1,570.00 on the pretext of processing loans for them, Chanimuya who falsely claimed to be a Dane and obtained 50,000kr (Kroner), from one Catherine, was prosecuted on one count of personation and cheating.

Karim who posed as James Hopkins, a Danish citizen on Facebook and tricked his female victims to pay him the sum of N1,250,000.00, (One Million, Two Hundred And Fifty Thousand Naira, Only) after lying to them that he needed financial help having been involved in an accident, was arraigned on one count of romance scam.

After the charges were read to the three defendants, they pleaded guilty.

Prosecution counsel, H. M Muhammed, told the court that the defendants had entered into a plea bargain with the prosecution and prayed the court to adopt the agreement, convict and sentence them accordingly.

The defence counsel, Gali Usman and Chuka Obidike, told the court to temper justice with mercy, adding that the defendants were remorseful and would forfeit all the proceeds of the crime.

Justice Musa convicted and sentenced them separately. Emakhu was convicted and sentenced to five months imprisonment or an option of N50,000 fine, while Oris Karim bagged five months imprisonment with option of N60,000 fine. Chukwuemeka was also convicted and sentenced to four months imprisonment with option of N200,000 fine.

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22 DEC 2019

Internet Fraudster Bags Six Months Jail Term in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal office on Monday December 23, 2019 secured the conviction of one Enoch Oluyode before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

The convict who was prosecuted by the EFCC on one count of attempt to cheat, was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The charge against the convict reads "That you, Enoch Oluyode (Alias John Donnna) sometime in October 2019, at Ilorin within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did attempt to cheat by personation, when you pretended to be one John Donnna, a white Caucasian vide Gmail account: johndonna777@gmail.com and in that guise communicated with one Colin Wison vide Hangout with Colin Wilson, 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 convict had earlier pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in October but later changed his mind and entered into a plea bargain agreement with the EFCC.

During his re-arraignment last Friday, Oluyode pleaded guilty.

Delivering Judgment on the matter, Justice Abdulgafar said the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

He ordered that the phone recovered from the suspect be forfeited to the Federal Government while the sentence is without option of fine.

[internet-fraudster-bags-six-months-jail-term-in-ilorin](#)

20 DEC 2019

Cybercrime: EFCC Arrests Fake CBN Governor in Uyo

A cyber fraudster (yahoo boy) by name Onyebuchi Nwalozie Julius has been arrested by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, for impersonating the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Dr. Godwin Emefiele.

Onyebuchi, a native of Ngor-Okpala in Imo State, who claims to be involved into Estate Management, confessed under interrogation that he impersonated the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN Governor, Dr. Godwin Emefiele with email account: emefilegodwin586@yahoo.com and defrauded one Mr. Omar Es Sh Deeb.

The suspect whose specialty is Business Email Compromise BEC, said his modus operandi involves searching for email addresses via Google search and sending convincing emails to prospective victims.

Onyebuchi was arrested on December 6, 2019, at Owerri in Imo state. At the point of his arrest, the following items were recovered from him: A HP Laptop Envy with serial number CND62544TZ; HP Laptop with serial number SCD8022CSF; iPhone X; Nokia phone, ECOWAS International Passport-55389766, Drivers Licence and a Toyota Venza with registration No. LSR 23 FQ.

An analysis of the HP Envy Laptop revealed quite a number of scam mails sent by Onyebuchi to one of his victims, an Arabian Omar Deeb, with bogus contract proposals purported to have emanated from CBN , while he posed as CBN Governor. Onyebuchi successfully defrauded Mr. Deeb who remitted funds, thinking he was actually dealing with the CBN Governor Dr. Godwin Emefiele.

Though Onyebuchi confessed to have benefited as much as N4.5million from his criminal enterprise, investigation into the scam continues.

The press release contains a photo:

[cybercrime-efcc-arrests-fake-cbn-governor-in-uyo](#)

19 DEC 2019

Court Jails Internet Fraudster in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal office on Wednesday December 18, 2019 secured the conviction of one Temitope Bambo before Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of a Kwara State High Court, Ilorin. The convicted who was prosecuted on personation and Internet fraud charge, was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The charge against him reads "That you, Temitope Bambo (alias Melisa Cole) on or about the 22nd day of October, 2019, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of the High Court of Kwara State, did attempt to cheat by personation, when you represented yourself as Melisa Cole (a white female) to one Dajuan Jacobs, an American citizen, 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 defendant pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him by the EFCC.

While reviewing the facts of the case, Lamidi Ibrahim, an operative of the EFCC told the court that the defendant was arrested along with three others based on intelligence reports. He said they all confessed to the crime.

Delivering Judgment, Justice Oyinloye said the plea of the defendant and the testimony of the prosecution witness (PW1) were enough to convince the court that the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

The Judge however ordered that an iPhone 6 recovered from the convict be forfeited to the Federal Government.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-jails-internet-fraudster-in-ilorin](#)

18 DEC 2019

Court Jails Yahoo Boys in Calabar

Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court, Calabar, Cross River State on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters to six months imprisonment with N150,000.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) option of fine each, after both pleaded guilty as charged.

The convicts, Mbuotidem Godwin Daniel, (a.k.a William Rodriquez Rodriquez), aged 24 and Stanhope Wise (a.k.a. Ted Gregory Will) aged 19, were arraigned on a one-count separate charge of impersonation and obtaining by false pretence by the Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The one-count charge against Daniel reads: "That you Mbuotidem Godwin Daniel (a.k.a William Rodriquez) on or about the 2nd day of December, 2019 in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this honourable court with intent to obtain property and gain advantage for yourself, fraudulently impersonated one William Rodriquez (an American) with fictitious email willzrodriquez12@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (a) and (b) of the Cyber Crime (Prohibition, Prevention E.t.c) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) of the same Act."

While that of Wise reads: "That you Stanhope Wise (a.k.a Ted Gregory Will) on or about the 2nd day of December, 2019 in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this honourable court with intent to obtain property and gain advantage for yourself, fraudulently impersonated one Ted Gregory Will (an American) whose Facebook account you illegally hacked and took over with intent to defraud unsuspecting persons from Thailand and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (a) and (b) of the Cyber Crime (Prohibition, Prevention E.t.c) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) of the same Act."

They both pleaded guilty to the crime, upon which prosecuting counsel, Usman Shehu prayed the court to convict and sentence them in accordance with the terms of a plea bargain agreement, entered and adopted by the prosecution and the defence in the matter.

The convicts were among the 'Yahoo academy' trainees, arrested by the Commission on November 28, 2019, in Eket Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

[court-jails-yahoo-boys-in-calabar](#)

17 DEC 2019

Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal Office on Tuesday December 17, 2019 secured the conviction of Chibueze Meshak and Babatunde Muhammed Bashir before Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on offences bordering on internet fraud.

The convicts, who were prosecuted on a two count charge, were convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The charge against Babatunde reads, "That you, Babatunde Mohammed Bashir on or about the 20th day of September, 2019 in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of the High Court of Kwara State, did attempt to cheat by personation, when you represented yourself as a Detective and requested one Mr Elian Torres Saucedo to send \$500 gift card to you,

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 charge against Paul reads, "That you, Paul Chibueze Meshack (Alias Robert Hicks) sometime in June 2019, at Ilorin within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did attempt to cheat by personation, when you pretended to be one Robert Hicks of the HR Department of Amerigroup Corporation with gmail account: roberthicksthem@gmail.com and in that guise communication with one Jessica Winter of Wiltshire England vide gmail hangout with jess winter, 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 defendants pleaded guilty to the charge brought against them.

In convicting the defendants, Justice Oyinloye said the evidence of the prosecution witness, Olamide Sadiq, an operative of the EFCC was not challenged nor controverted by the defendants.

"I hereby found them guilty as charged and sentenced them to six months imprisonment"

According to the Judge "Paul's sentence is to commence from 21st of October, 2019 while Babatunde's sentence would commence on 5th of September 2019, the day of their arrest"

The press release contains photos:

[court-jails-two-internet-fraudsters-in-ilorin](#)

16 DEC 2019

Court Jails Another Fifteen Fraudsters in Enugu

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal office secured the conviction of fifteen (15) fraudsters on 9th and 11th December, 2019 respectively before Justice I.N Buba of the Federal High court, sitting in Enugu, Enugu state on separate one count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences.

The convicts who were arrested at various locations at Enugu and Owerri, Imo State, are; Echebiri Vincent, Chinedu Ronald, Stanley Dike, Oledibe Osinachi, Ibegbulem Precious Chinedu, John Samuel Chukwuemeka, Kanu Ikenna, Daniel Chinedu Prince, Noolisa Chisom, Vincent Okafor, Uchenna Nwosu, Nnmadi Maduekwe, Odinachi Micheal Somtochukwu, Temple Samuel and Chisom Ezeala.

Their arrest follows intelligence obtained by the Commission that they were involved in internet fraud.

When the cases were separately called at their arraignments, all the convicts pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them by the Commission prompting Justice Buba, who having reviewed the evidences presented by the prosecution, convicted and sentenced them to three (3), months imprisonment each.

One of the convicts, Stanley Dike created a fake facebook account using the false profile of Martinez and Menistz, a supposed United State military personnel and defrauded the duo of Telli Sandra and Jenifer Witzel whom he promised false marriage.

One of the charges read: "That you, KANU IKENNA A.K.A JEFF ANDERSON sometimes in March 2018 at Owerri within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently presented yourself as Jeff Anderson, an American soldier purportedly serving in Kabul Afghanistan using a fake facebook account to wit: Jeff Anderson and in that assumed identity obtained the sum of \$300 (three Hundred United State Dollars) only from one Kimberly Gilbert Titon, an American citizen and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3) (b) and punishable under Section 22(4) of Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act 2015".

They are to forfeit all their laptop computers and android phones to the federal government of Nigeria.

The press release contains photos:

[court-jails-another-fifteen-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

16 DEC 2019

Fraudster Bags Jail Term in FCT

Justice Taiwo Taiwo of the Federal High Court, Abuja on Monday, December 16, 2019 sentenced one Segun Ajibola, alias Kate Walter to three months imprisonment with N50,000 option of fine.

Ajibola was prosecuted on a one-count charge of fraudulent impersonation by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The convict was arrested following intelligence in an operation carried out by the Advance Fee Fraud Unit of the Commission's headquarters.

In the cause of investigation, it was discovered that sometime in 2017 at Ogbomoso, Oyo State, the convict fraudulently impersonated one Kate Walter, an American lady and also used an email and Facebook accounts to defraud his unsuspecting victims.

The count reads: "That you Segun Ajibola a.k.a Kate Walter, sometime in 2017 at Ogbomoso, Oyo State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, did fraudulently impersonate one Kate Walter an American lady from Florida, United State of America via email account: katewalter5000@gmail.com on Facebook with intent to obtain money from Jeff, an American citizen, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act."

He pleaded guilty as charged, upon which prosecution counsel, O.O Adeola urged the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

[fraudster-bags-jail-term-in-fct](#)

14 DEC 2019

Fraudster Bags Six Months for \$390,952 Scam...Banker, Eight Internet Fraudsters Bag Jail Terms for Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Friday December 13, 2019 secured the convictions of nine internet fraudsters and a Banker before Justice Emeka Nwite of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State.

They were arraigned separately for offences bordering on impersonation, intent to defraud and failure to disclose suspicious transactions.

Those convicted are Onomua Victor (a.k.a John Williamson), Ovie Evans (a.k.a Miller John), Ikpasa Efe (Julius Mark), Abuwa Mavis, Akegor Godbless Omamuyovwi (a.k.a Sherri Hunt), Eyoyibo Joseph (a.k.a Norman Greg), Akpighoro Malvelt (a.k.a Michel Reymond), Anthony Omonomo (a.k.a John), Edofewose Maya and Peter Atolo.

The charge against Akegor Godless Omamuyovmi reads: "that you Akegor Godbless Omamuyovwi (Alias Sherri Hunt) Julius Oluwafunmisho Okedele (now at large) Oyi ye Enwefah (now at large) and Eke Jane Frances (now at large) sometime between 2018 and June 2019 in Ughelli, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of one Sherri Hunt and posed as an oil worker in Milan in your yahoo mail account and in that false identity sent love scam mails to Ms. Roberta Daley, a Canada resident . In that process induced her to transfer the sum of \$390, 952 to you 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 same Act"

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

In view of their plea, the prosecution counsel, Larry Aso Peters prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants as contained in the plea bargain agreement. However, the defence counsel, Pascal Ugaome pleaded with his lordship to temper justice with mercy as the defendants were first time offenders who have become remorseful for their actions and have promised never to return to crime.

Justice Emeka Nwite after listening to both the defence and prosecution counsel, convicted and sentenced the defendants to six months imprisonment commencing from the date of judgment or an option of two hundred thousand naira (N200,000) fine. They are also to forfeit items recovered from them as proceeds of crime to the Federal government of Nigeria.

However the court sentenced Akegor Godbless Omamuyovwi to six months Imprisonment or an option of two million naira fine. He is also to restitute \$390,952 to the victim.

The press release contains lots of photos:

[fraudster-bags-six-months-for-390-952-scam-banker-eight-internet-fraudsters-bag-jail-terms-for-fraud](#)

419 Coalition Comment: Let us hope that the EFCC follows through on its obligations and sees to it that the victim does indeed receive the restitution as ordered by the court.... Promptly.

13 DEC 2019

Five Yahoo Boys Bag Jail Terms in Calabar

Justice S. M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court, Calabar, Cross River State on Thursday, December 12, 2019, handed prison terms to five cyber criminals, better known as "Yahoo Boys," after they pleaded guilty to one-count charge, preferred against them separately by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Uyo Zonal Office.

The convicts are: Omengala Emmanuel (a.k.a. Frank Hoffman), Obonga Valentine (a.k.a Patrick Seaman), Segun Dele Jude (alias Hal Burlington), Omengala Paul (alias Christopher Mason) and Promise Nkanga.

Omengala Emmanuel (a.k.a. Frank Hoffman) got six months imprisonment with N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine for obtaining property by false pretence using a fictitious Instagram account(FrankHO77) and presenting himself as Frank Hoffman, a United State of America citizen.

His brother, Omengala Paul (a.k.a. Christopher Mason) got one year with N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) option of a fine for falsely portraying himself as a white male to one Katherine McKinnon on Instagram and obtained the sum of \$1,824.40c (One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars, Forty Cents) which the court ordered that he restituted to his victim.

Obonga Valentine (a.k.a. Patrick Seaman) was sentenced to six months imprisonment with N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine for fraudulent impersonation to one Jessica Williams on Facebook with fictitious name and e-mail (Patrick Seaman/Patrickseaman@ gmail.com).

Promise Nkanga was slammed with six months imprisonment with N150,000.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) option of fine for impersonation, by presenting himself as Hal Burlington from Beijing to unsuspecting persons and fleecing them of their hard earned money.

While Segun Dele Jude (alias Hal Burlington) was sentenced to six months imprisonment with N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine for impersonation.

Aside the prison terms, the convicts forfeited the instruments of their crimes to the federal government, which include: three iPhone X, Apple wrist watch, Apple Mac Book laptop, iPhone X Max, Infinix Hot 5 phone, iPhone 7 plus, HP laptop, iPhone 7, iPhone 6s, iPhone 7 Plus, MacBook Pro laptop and Toyota Camry Salon car with registration number APP- 514-DF.

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13 DEC 2019

EFCC Arrests 16-year-old, 28 others for Internet Fraud in Imo

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Friday, December 13, 2019, arrested 29 suspected internet fraudsters, better known as Yahoo Yahoo Boys in three different locations in Owerri, the Imo State capital. The haul included a 16-year-old undergraduate.

The suspects, who are believed to have used different pseudo names to defraud their unsuspecting victims, were arrested following intelligence and three days surveillance on their hideouts in Bishops Courts' Malo Lodge, Umuagu Mbieri and King David's Suite in Owerri.

Five cars that include: Lexus RX 350, 2013 model, Lexus RX 330, 2009 model, Lexus ES 300, 2002 model, Toyota Corolla Sport and Toyota Camry were seized from them, so also 15 laptops, phones and computer hard-drives.

In one of the locations, some of the suspects in an attempt to secure some computer hard-drives and phones inserted them inside a bag of rice in the room, but all were recovered through a diligent search by the Commission's operatives.

The suspects have given useful information on their illicit activities and would be prosecuted upon conclusion of investigations.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-16-year-old-28-others-for-internet-fraud-in-imo](#)

12 DEC 2019

Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters In Ibadan

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court 1, sitting in Ibadan, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters to prison, after finding them guilty of criminal charges filed against them by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office.

Onifade Gideon Idowu and Akinjobi Mumeen were arraigned on an amended charge following plea bargain agreement with the Commission.

The duo were brought before the court on a one-count amended charge bordering on fraudulent impersonation, 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.

They pleaded guilty to their respective charges.

Consequent upon the 'guilty' plea, prosecution counsel, Murtala Sa'id Usman, prayed the court to sentence them according to the terms of the plea bargain agreement.

The judge found them guilty as charged and sentenced them to six months in prison each.

The duo were also ordered to forfeit all items recovered from them during the course of investigation.

The press release includes photos:

[court-jails-two-internet-fraudsters-in-ibadan](#)

11 DEC 2019

Three Yahoo Boys Bag 21 Months in FCT

Justice A.O Musa of the FCT High Court, Bwari, Abuja, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, sentenced three internet fraudsters to seven months imprisonment with N100,000 option of fine respectively, on separate one-count charge of internet fraud, impersonation and forgery, contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code Laws of the Federation (Abuja 1990) and punishable under Section 322 of the same Act.

The three convicts, namely: Opara Donald. C. alias (White Harris), Daniel Uduoborie, alias (David Butter) and Illoh Joseph Chiedu, alias (Kylan Overgoor), were prosecuted by the Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The charge against Chiedu reads: "That you Illoh Joseph (alias Kylan Overgoor) sometime in 2018 in Abuja, within the judicial division of this honourable court, attempted to cheat when you created an Instagram account name: Kylan Overgoor with email "Kylanovergoor@gmail.com" and under the assumed character obtained the sum of \$6200(Six Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars) from Mrs. Elena Marley under the pretext that you are in a romantic relationship with her and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the penal Code laws of the Federation (Abuja 1990)."

That against Uduoborie reads: "That you Daniel Uduoborie (a.k.a David Butter) sometime in 2019, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, fraudulently induced one Kathelen Borg, a citizen of America to deliver the sum of \$400 USD (which is equivalent to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira), by falsely representing to her that you are an Engineer from united States of America who is in love with her, using an application on your Facebook account with a login account Davidbutter251111@gmail.com with a password Talkerlannyk2 and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320(a) of panel code, laws of Federation of Nigeria(Abuja)(1990) of panel code, and punishable under section 322 of the same Law."

For Donald, the charge reads: "That you Opara Donald C (a.k.a White Harris) sometime in August 2019, at Owerri within the jurisdiction of this honourable court fraudulently impersonated one White Harris, a citizen of America and obtained the sum of \$4,5009 (Four Thousand Five Hundred US Dollars), which is equivalent to One Million Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira), from a Korean lady through www.facebook.com with a password-jeffmillious@gmail.com and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320(2)(ii) of the Cybercrimes Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act."

They all pleaded guilty, upon which prosecution counsel, Aisha Ibrahim, urged the court to convict and sentence them in accordance with the plea bargain agreement they entered with the EFCC.

The defence counsels, however, prayed the court to temper justice with mercy.

The press release includes photos:

[three-yahoo-boys-bag-21-months-in-fct](#)

4 DEC 2019

EFCC Storms Yahoo-Boys Den, Arrests Kingpin, 26 Others

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 busted a Lagos hotel believed to be a hideout for internet fraudsters.

The target was one Rasaan Balogun, a suspected internet fraud kingpin, whose illicit activities dominated intelligence gathered from the recently arrested 'police spies' during a raid on their Abeokuta base.

According to findings, Balogun harbours an army of young men recruited to carry out financial frauds through the use of the internet.

Some others were also arrested at his Beckley Estate residence, also in Lagos State.

The raid on his hotel, Modzak Hotel, at Abule-Egba, Lagos, sufficiently gave credence to the suspicion as a retinue of young men were caught in his hotel with no specific mission.

The suspected kingpin and 26 other young men ranging between the ages of 18 and 35 years were arrested at the scene. Some other were also arrested at his Beckley Estate residence, also in Lagos.

They were brought to the Commission's Ibadan zonal office for further interrogation.

Officers of the anti-graft agency also recovered three vehicles, fetish item, laptops, mobile phones and documents suspected to contain fraudulent data from the suspect.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-storms-yahoo-boys-den-arrests-kingpin-26-others](#)

419 Coalition Comment: Special Kudos to EFCC on this one, the more Kingpins that are taken down the better, our view.

4 DEC 2019

Five Fraudsters Bag Jail Terms in FCT

Justice A.O. Musa of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court, Bwari, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 convicted five Abuja-based internet fraudsters to different jail terms. They were prosecuted by Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The first set of the convicts comprised, Asiriwa Jimon (alias Robin Anthony), Ayo Balogun Richard (alias Jessica Betty) and Nwegbediegwu Chekwubechukwu Josephat.

Jimon was found to have posed as one Robin Anthony, a male Caucasian, who used a fictitious WeChat ID, robin77tony to induce one Miss Xiao Hui to deliver to him the sum of \$7,000.

Richard on his part used a fictitious Instagram account in the name of jessicabetty and pretending to be in a romantic relationship with one M. Carl Ferguson, to obtain the sum of \$2,500.

While Josephat used a fake gmail account, helenmiller@gmail.com to obtain the sum of \$3,900 under the pretext of investing in crypto-currency.

They pleaded guilty when the charges were read to them, prompting prosecuting counsel, Mariya Ujudud Shariff to ask the court to convict and sentence them accordingly.

Justice Musa convicted and sentenced them to six months imprisonment each, with N50,000 option of fine.

In addition to making restitution to their victims, the judge further ordered that the proceeds of their crime, be forfeited to the federal government. Jimon forfeited his Lexus Jeep RX 350, a plot of land at Upper Idogbo Community, Ikpoba Okha, LGA, Edo State, his iPhone 6 and two laptops .

Richard forfeited his iPhone X Max and while Josephat forfeited all his phones to the federal government

In another matter, the judge also convicted one Oyewumi Adewale, who goes by the alias "Holydove." He was prosecuted by the Abuja Zonal Office EFCC for cheating and obtaining by false pretence to the tune of N750,000 (Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) from one Owila, an offence that is contrary to Section 320(b) of the Penal Code Act and punishable under Section 322 of the same Act.

The charge against the convict reads: "That you Oyewumi Adewale sometime in 2018, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court committed the offence of cheating by fraudulently obtaining from Owila the total sum of Seven Hundred And Fifty Thousand Naira only, as fee for converting itunes and Amazon cards into bitcoin which you know to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320(b) of the Panel Code Act and punishable under Section 322 of the same Act."

He pleaded guilty to the charge, following which prosecution counsel, S.N. Roberts told the court that the defendant and his lawyer, Adaji Abel have entered into a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution and urged the court to adopt the agreement and sentence the him accordingly.

Justice Musa convicted and sentenced him, accordingly.

Similarly, the judge convicted one Victory Ubasonye who goes by the alias "Paul Thomas." He was arraigned and prosecuted by the Abuja Zonal Office of the Commission on a two-count charge bordering on cheating and obtaining by false pretence to the tune of \$6,000.

One of the charges reads: "That you, Victory Obasonye, sometimes in 2018 and 2019, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court committed the offence of cheating by fraudulently obtaining from Crystal the sum of \$5,000 U S dollars as flight ticket fee in the guise that you are coming to the United States to see her and that you are in a romantic relationship with her, a fact which you know to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320(b) of the Panel Code Act and punishable under Section 322 of the same Act."

He pleaded guilty to the charges, following which prosecuting counsel told the court that the defence counsel and the defendant had entered into a plea bargain agreement with the EFCC and urged the court to adopt the agreement.

The defence counsel, O.J. Ojukwu, however, urged the court to temper justice with mercy.

Justice Musa, convicted Obasonye according to the terms of the plea bargain and sentenced him to six months in prison with N100,000 option of fine.

Aside the sentence, the convict forfeited the proceeds of the crime, which included two phones and wrote an Access Bank Cheque of N540,000 in favour of EFCC Recovery Account for restitution to his victim.

The article includes a photo:

[five-fraudsters-bag-jail-terms-in-fct](#)

3 DEC 2019

Court Sentences Three Internet Fraudsters To Prison

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, secured the conviction of Adetunji Abayomi Ademola (a.k.a Clara Mantione Musellman), Blessing Daniel Aladetutu and Adebowale Fadairo.

Ademola stood before Justice K. Babs of the Federal High Court 1, Ado-Ekiti Judicial Division, while the duo of Aladetutu and Fadairo were convicted by Justice Ayo Emmanuel of the Federal High Court sitting in Osogbo, Osun State.

They had earlier approached the Commission for a plea bargain agreement which informed the amended charge of impersonation of which they were found guilty on Tuesday.

Based on the agreement, Justice Babs convicted and sentenced Ademola to four months in prison.

He equally ordered him to reconstitute a total sum of \$413 (Four Hundred and Thirteen United States Dollars) to his victim through the EFCC, and forfeit his Samsung laptop, Infinix smart phone and one MTN modem to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

While Aladetutu bagged three months jail term, Fadairo was sentenced to nine months in prison.

Justice Emmanuel also ordered Aladetutu to reconstitute to his victim through the EFCC the sum of \$400 (Four Hundred United States of America Dollars), and forfeit his iPhone 7 Phone to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Fadairo was ordered to reconstitute the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to his victim and also forfeit his Tecno Phone to the Federal Government.

[court-sentences-three-internet-fraudsters-to-prison](#)

1 DEC 2019

EFCC Busts 'Yahoo Academy' in Akwa Ibom

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, in the early hours of Thursday November 28, 2019, arrested 23 Internet fraud suspects at a building which is being used as training outpost for potential cyber criminals on Essien Essien Street, Ikot Ibiok village, Eket Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State.

The suspects are: Uzoma Chibuikwe; Bob Okwundu; Stanhope Wise; Kingsley Maxwell; Otuokpani Chukwuma; Onyedikachi Ogwuegbu; Ocheowoni Odey Ogbudu; Franklin Ukoh; Emmanuel Odinkaru and Okpani Daniel Maduabuchi. Others are Onyekachi F. N. Akwukwaegbu; Obinna Kalu; Emmanuel Chima; Mbutidem Godwin Daniel; Darlington Rowland Victor; Chibuikwe Ogu; Elijah Samuel; Chibuzo Prince; Ogbonna Kelvin; Michael Rufus; Peter Jerry and Nwakwuoke Kingsley.

The suspects between the ages of 19 and 35 years confessed that they were undergoing training in various aspects of cyber criminality such as; Love Scam, Online Trading Scam, Identity theft, etc.

During questioning, the suspects narrated how they were recruited into the 'Academy' to be trained in cyber crimes. According to them, while on training, they all carry out various functions such as Cooks, Duty master, ICT manager, etc, in the regimented premises to ensure a smooth running of the Academy.

At the time of their arrest, the following items were recovered from the suspects: 25 HP laptops, 5 Dell laptops, 1Lenovo laptop, 1 Toshiba laptop, 1 Asus laptop, 1 Acer laptop and accessories. Also recovered from them are; 13 Android phones of different models, 6 small phones, 1 MTN 4G Wi-Fi, 2 universal modems and 1 First Bank of Nigeria ATM card.

The owners of the 'Academy' are still at large.

At the conclusion of the ongoing Investigation, the culprits would be charged to court.

The press release has photos:

[efcc-busts-yahoo-academy-in-akwa-ibom](#)

419 Coalition comment: Let us hope that these "students" quickly "rat out" the "owners" of the "Academy" or a replacement training school will soon pop up....

26 NOV 2019

Court Jails Man, Remands Five others in Prison for Internet Fraud

Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, the Oyo State capital on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, sentenced one Malik Olayemi Oladimeji to eight months in prison after finding him guilty of fraudulent impersonation in an amended one-count charge, filed against him by the Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The convict is to restitute \$USD75 (Seventy-five U.S. Dollars) to his victims through the EFCC and also forfeited his Nokia C3 and Infinix X510 mobile phones (being instruments in the crime) to the federal government.

The amended charge to which the convict pleaded guilty is contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(i) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b) of the same Act.

Following his plea of guilt, prosecution counsel, Mabas Mabur prayed the court to convict and sentence him in accordance with the plea bargain he reached with the prosecution.

In a related development, Justice Watilat Ibrahim of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital has ordered five suspected internet fraudsters to be remanded in prison custody, pending the filing and hearing of their bail applications.

The press release contains photos:

[court-jails-man-remands-five-others-in-prison-for-internet-fraud](#)

26 NOV 2019

Yahoo Boy Bags Three Years in Port Harcourt

Justice J.Omosho of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, River State on Monday, November 25, 2019 sentenced an internet fraudster, Charles Iwu (alias Ana Tong, TinH HO and Tony LY) to three years imprisonment with N400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine. He also forfeited the proceeds of his crime to the federal government.

The convict was prosecuted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Benin Zonal Office on a one -count charge of impersonation, having assumed a false identity of one Ana Tong, an American citizen on Facebook, through which he sent documents to unsuspecting ladies with the intent to defraud them.

The charges reads: "That you Charles Iwu (Alias Ana Tong, TrinH Ho and Tony LY) sometime between 2018 and June 2019 in Warri Delta State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did fraudulently impersonate on your Facebook account the identity of one Ana Tong, an American and sent documents to unsuspecting ladies through the internet which documents you claim emanated from the said Ana Tong 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."

He pleaded guilty to the charge, upon which prosecution counsel, Austin.A.Ozigbu prayed the court to convict and sentence him in accordance with the plea bargain agreement his counsel Lezina Amegua entered with the prosecution.

The press release includes a photo:

[yahoo-boy-bags-three-years-in-port-harcourt](#)

25 NOV 2019

Court Jails Fifteen for Internet Fraud In Enugu

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Enugu Zonal Office, today Monday November 25, 2019 secured the conviction of three fraudsters namely, Isiah Nduka Alozie, Michael Chwuebuka and Njoku Chinedu. They bring to fifteen, the number of Internet fraudsters convicted between November 20 and 26 2019 by Justice I.N Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu.

Other fraudsters who were all arrested at various locations in Enugu and Imo states sequel to intelligence on their involvement in Internet scam and lavish lifestyle include Attah Emeka, Chigozie Jude Okonkwo, Fabulous Chidiebere, Chinecherem Odikpo, Ejimonye Donald, Odunka Ike Nelson, Onuncha Jacob, Onyedika Maacha, Uzorma Sanctus, Wisdom Okeke, Igwe Chinonso and Okoye Pascal.

Their ages range between 21 - 27 years and are mostly students of various tertiary institutions across the zone.

They were arraigned on separate one count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences.

One of the charges read: "That you, CHIGOZIE JUDE OKONKWO (Alias John Tucker) sometime in April 2019 at Enugu within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria while representing yourself to be JOHNTUCKER by means of a computer system knowingly sent a message through your TINDER Account - JOHN TUCKER to MARY FAJARDO, knowing same to be false, for the purpose of gaining advantage and obtaining property for yourself 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".

When the cases were separately called up, the defendants pleaded guilty to the charges read to them which prompted the prosecution counsel, O.M. Umukoro to tender statements and documents printed from their phones as evidence against them.

Justice Buba sentenced the convicts to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to three months some of which were to start from the time of their arrests. He ordered the forfeiture of their laptop computers and several android phones, including hard drives to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The press release includes photos:

[court-jails-fifteen-for-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

25 NOV 2019

Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters in Ilorin

Justice Babangana Ashigar of the Federal High Court, Ilorin has sentenced the duo of Abdullahi Ibrahim and Ezedigboo Paschal to four months imprisonment respectively without an option of fine for internet fraud.

The convicts were arrested in Agric Estate, Ilorin, the Kwara State capital sometime in February 2019 by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ilorin Zonal Office, which separately prosecuted them on a one-count charge.

The charge against Ezedigboo reads: "That you, Ezedigboo Paschal (alias Frank Pethron or Frank Peth), sometime in January, 2019, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of this honourable court, with intent to defraud, falsely represented yourself to be one Frank Pethron or Frank Peth a white male Caucasian, vide Google account with email address: frankpeth009@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 484 of the Criminal Code Act."

That of Ibrahim reads: "That you, Abdullahi Ibrahim (alias Denins Franklin), sometime in March, 2019, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of this honourable court, with intent to defraud one Kristie Johnson and others from the United State of American, falsely represented yourself,

thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 484 of the Criminal Code Act."

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charges following which prosecution counsel, Andrew Akoja urged the court to convict and sentence them in accordance with the plea bargain agreements they separately reached with the prosecution.

[court-jails-two-internet-fraudsters-in-ilorin](#)

22 NOV 2019

EFCC Nabs Seven Suspected Yahoo Boys in Calabar

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Uyo Zonal Office on Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22, 2019 respectively arrested seven suspected internet fraudsters at two separate locations in Calabar, Cross River State, capital.

Five of the suspected cyber criminals were arrested in Block-L, Mixed-Use Layout, Parliamentary Extension, Ikot Ansa, Calabar Municipality. They are: Emmanuel Omengala, 23 and an indigene of Otukpo, Benue State, Jude Segun, 24, from Eseodo, Ondo State and a 400 Level marketing student of the University of Calabar, Paul Omengala, 25 from Otukpo, Benue State and a student of Cross River State University of Technology (CRUTECH), Ogah Ugbabe, 21 from Otukpo and a student of Benue State University and Valentine Obonga, 24, also from Otukpo and a student of Benue State University.

The remaining two, arrested in Ekorinim Phase II are siblings. They are: Promise Ben-Nkanga, 28 and unemployed from Mkpatt Enin, Akwa Ibom State and Stephen Ben-Nkanga, his brother, 22, and an accounting student of the University of Calabar, Cross River State.

Some of the items recovered from them are: one Toyota Camry, one Apple Macbook, Airtel 4G wifi router, one iPhone X, one iPhone X Max, one iPhone smart watch, one Infinix Hot 5, WAEC scratch card, one iPhone 8 Max, two iPhone 7 Plus, one international passport, one HP Elitebook (laptop), one Apple Macbook Pro (laptop).

Others are: one Nokia phone, one UBA cheque booklet, three ATM cards of Fidelity Bank, Diamond Bank and First Bank, one South African visa application form/Consulate General Notice of Decision, First Bank withdrawal booklet and five GSM SIM cards of MTN, 9mobile and Glo.

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

[efcc-nabs-seven-suspected-yahoo-boys-in-calabar](#)

21 NOV 2019

Court Sentences Two Fraudsters to Community Service in FCT

Justice Adebukola Banjoko of the FCT High Court, Jabi, Abuja on Thursday, November 21, 2019 convicted and sentenced one Nwala Eze Kenneth (alias Moore Smith) to one month community service at the National Hospital, Abuja.

The convict was prosecuted by the Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on a one count charge of obtaining by false pretence to the tune of \$5000 (Five Thousand U.S. Dollars), using a fictitious email address: mooresmithg1@gmail.com to obtain the sum of \$5000 from one Amit Raykundal.

He pleaded guilty upon arraignment today, following which, prosecution counsel, Fatima Ado Gwaram urged the court to convict and sentence him accordingly, pointing out that the convict had already forfeited the proceeds of the crime to the tune of N1,100,000 and a Toyota Corolla 2005 model in line with the plea bargain agreement he entered with the prosecution.

Similarly, the judge, same day, convicted and sentenced Oloyede Faith Damilare (Alias Angela Williams) to one month community service with N20,000 option of fine.

The EFCC, Abuja Zonal Office prosecuted the convict on a one count charge of cheating, having attempted to cheat by representing himself as Angela Williams, a female Caucasian from California, USA.

He was found to have created a fictitious WhatsApp account to facilitate his fraudulent intention.

Upon arraignment today, he pleaded guilty to the charge, prompting prosecuting counsel, Fatima Gwaram to urge the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

The press release includes a photo:

[court-sentences-two-fraudsters-to-community-service-in-fct](#)

21 NOV 2019

EFCC Arrests Five "Yahoo Yahoo" Boys

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office have arrested five suspected internet fraudsters at Exrico Lodge, behind Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State.

They were arrested on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in a sting operation.

The suspects are: Onuoha Goodness Chinedu, Harry Victor, Basil Obidiegwu Chukwunaeke, Amayhayi Chukwuli and Nwabueze Nnaemeka. Their arrest followed series of intelligence linking them with alleged fraudulent activities ranging from love scam on numerous dating sites, obtaining money by false pretences and other fraud still being investigated.

Items recovered from them at the point of arrest are: an Apple Laptop; 7(seven) mobile phones of various brands, 2 Wi-Fi devices and 2 Power Banks.

The suspects would soon be charged to court.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-five-yahoo-yahoo-boys](#)

20 NOV 2019

EFCC Nabs Two Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Uyo

The Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, arrested two suspected internet fraudsters: Okonji Chijindu Victor, 29, an indigene of Asaba, Delta State, and Osinachi Esinulo, 28 from Ikeduru, Imo State.

They were picked up in the apartment they share on No. 79 Street, Flood Gate Estate, Nwaniba Road, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

While Victor claimed to be into a legitimate business and allegedly owns 'VocMobile,' an-Asaba outfit that deals on mobile phones and accessories, Esinulo claimed to be a staff of Uyo-based International Brewery Warehouse.

Their arrest followed intelligence gathered over a period of time regarding their suspected internet fraud activities.

Some of the items recovered from them include: two iPhones, one Infinix phone, one Samson S9 mobile phone, six ATM cards, one external hard drive, four flash drives, two GSM SIM cards, two internet wifi modem, one Stanbic IBTC bank cheque book, one laptop and a Toyota Highlander SUV.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

[efcc-nabs-two-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-uyo](#)

20 NOV 2019

Court Convicts Six Internet Fraudsters In Delta State

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal office, has secured the convictions of Six (6) internet fraudsters before Justice Emeke Nwite of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State.

The convicts are Ufuoma Miracle (a.k.a Roland Gobalin), Ofomola Omovigho (a.k.a Doctor), Abraham Idede (a.k.a Eugene Berry) , Onatakapoma Julius (a.k.a Chris Roman: Frank Leonard), P. Rarowe (a.k.a Meyers) and Freeborn Efe.

Five of the convicts, Miracle, Rarowe, Julius, Omovigho and Efe were arraigned on charges of impersonating foreign nationals on Facebook and defrauding their female victims in the process.

Abraham Dede was arraigned on a count charge of making false statement and misrepresenting his identity for the purpose of procuring a Facebook account with intent to defraud unsuspecting people.

One of the count reads: "That you Onatakapoma Julius (a.k.a Be. Chris Roman, a.k.a Frank Leonard) sometime in 2018 at Sapele , Delta State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did with intent to defraud sent electronic messages which materially misrepresent facts to Mrs Linda, a lady from Indonesia which she lied on and suffered financial loss in the sum of N370,769, 88 only and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 14(2) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention etc) Act, 2015."

Another reads: "That you Freeborn Efe sometime in 2018 at Sapele, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did with intent to defraud sent electronic messages which materially misrepresent facts to Susan, a lady from USA which she relied on and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 14 (2) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention etc) Act, 2015."

The defendants all pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against them by the EFCC.

Based on their plea, the prosecution counsel, F. Dibang urged the court to convict. He prayed the court to order the forfeiture of items recovered from the defendants to the Federal Government. However, the defence counsel, P.E.Ejiga pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as they were first time offenders who are remorseful for their actions.

Justice Nwite on Monday November 18, 2019 convicted and sentenced five of the defendants to six months imprisonment and a fine of two hundred thousand Naira (N200,000) each while Ofomola Omovigho was fined N300, 000.

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

[court-convicts-six-internet-fraudsters-in-delta-state](#)

419 Coalition comment: We note that seized stuff was forfeited to the "Federal Government of Nigeria" - but what about the victims of these 419ers? Were funds stolen from them recovered and repatriated? Inquiring minds want to know....

20 NOV 2019

Internet Fraudster Jailed Eight Months In Ibadan

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, secured the conviction of one Adedapo John Adeagbo before Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court, sitting in Ibadan.

Adeagbo, who bagged eight months imprisonment, had earlier been arraigned on a four-count charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

He later approached the Commission for a plea bargain, which informed his re-arraignment on Wednesday on one-count amended charge bordering on fraudulent impersonation.

The charge is contrary to Section 22 (2) and punishable under Section 22 (4) (b) (i) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015.

He pleaded guilty to the lone-count charge when read to him.

Prosecuting counsel, Chidi Okoli, thereafter, prayed the court to convict the defendant accordingly.

While convicting him of the offence, the judge equally issued an order that he restitutes to his victim the sum of \$450 USD (Four Hundred and Fifty United States of American Dollars) only through the Commission.

He is also to forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria his iphone6 mobile phone being the instrument used in committing the crime.

The press release has a photo:

[internet-fraudster-jailed-eight-months-in-ibadan](#)

419 Coalition comment; We are pleased that restitution was ordered to the victim of this 419er, and trust that the Commission will see to it that the victim actually Receives the money, as ordered.

19 NOV 2019

EFCC Secures Five Convictions in Ilorin

November 19, 2019 secured the conviction of five persons for offences bordering on internet fraud and related offences.

All the defendants were convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment in separate charges brought against them before Justices Sikiru Oyinloye and Mahmood Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

The convicts are, Olamide Ijisesan, Ogundowole Tolulope, Abdullahi Abubakar, Chilaka Dickson and Olayiwola Azeez.

Among all the defendants, only Ogundowole Tolulope was convicted by Justice Oyinloye while others were convicted by Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar.

The Charge against one of the convicts reads "That you, Olamide Ijisesan (alias Javier Cheryl) sometime in April 2016, at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court cheated by pretending to be one Javier Cheryl, a white Caucasian female with gmail account, javiercheryl@yahoo.com and fraudulently induced one Javier Hernandez to deliver the cumulative sum of \$350 (Three hundred and fifty United States Dollars) to you and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 325 of the Penal Code law."

The press release includes several photos:

[efcc-secures-five-convictions-in-ilorin](#)

19 NOV 2019

Court Jails Three for Internet Fraud In Enugu

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC today Tuesday November 19, 2019 secured the conviction of the trio of Kalu Iheke, Christian Igbozuruike and Jacob Onuoha, before Justice I.N Buba of the Federal High Court sitting in Enugu.

The defendants were arrested in Enugu on October 24 following intelligence on their alleged involvement in internet fraud.

They were arraigned today on separate one count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretences.

One of the charges read, "that you, Kalu Iheke sometime in 2019 at Enugu within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, fraudulently impersonated one Jake Gonzalez in order to gain advantage 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".

The defendants pleaded guilty when the charges were read to them and in view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, O.M Umukoro tendered statements and documents printed from their phones as evidences against them.

Counsel to the defendants, S.P Agbo prayed the court to be lenient with his clients as they were all first time offenders and students.

Thereafter, the judge sentenced Kalu Iheke and Christian Igbozuruike to two months imprisonment each and Jacob Onuoha, to three months starting from the day they were arrested.

The press release includes several photos:

[court-jails-three-for-internet-fraud-in-enugu](#)

19 NOV 2019

How Aroke, Convicted Fraudster Pulled Off \$1m Scam from Kirikiri Prison

A convicted internet fraudster, Hope Olusegun Aroke who is serving a 24-year jail term at the Kirikiri Maximum Prison in Lagos is again, the subject of investigation by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission for being the alleged mastermind of a mega scam to the tune of over \$ 1, 000, 000.

He allegedly pulled the heist right from prison using a network of accomplices, some of them targets of fraud and money laundering investigation.

The lid on his latest fraud exploits from the bowels of the Maximum Correctional Centre was blown

following intelligence received by the EFCC.

The immediate riddle that confronted the EFCC was how it was possible for the convict to continue to ply his ignoble trade of Internet fraud from prison.

Preliminary investigation revealed that that the convict, against established standard practice, had access to internet and mobile phone in the Correctional Centre where he is supposed to be serving his jail term.

Even more puzzling was the finding that Aroke got himself admitted to the Nigeria Police Hospital, Falomo, Lagos for an undisclosed ailment. And from the hospital, he would move out to lodge in hotels, meet with his wife and two children and attend other social functions.

The circumstance of his admission into the hospital and those who aided his movement from the hospital to hotels and other social engagements, is already being investigated by the EFCC.

For a felon supposedly serving a jail term, investigation revealed that the Aroke used a fictitious name, Akinwunmi Sorinmade, to open two accounts with First Bank Plc and Guaranty Trust Bank Plc. He also bought a property at Fountain Spring Estate, Lekki Lagos in 2018 for N22million and a Lexus RX 350 2018 model registered in his wife's name, Maria Jennifer Aroke.

The convict was also in possession of his wife's bank account token in prison, which he used to freely transfer funds.

Further investigation revealed that, while his trial was ongoing in 2015, Aroke bought a four bedroom duplex at Plot 12, Deji Fadoju Street, Megamounds Estate Lekki County Homes, Lekki for N48million.

Aroje was one of two Malaysia-based Nigerian undergraduate fraudsters arrested by the EFCC in the closing weeks of 2012 at the 1004 Housing Estate, Victoria Island, Lagos following a tip-off. The indigene of Okene, Kogi State had claimed to be a student of Computer Science at the Kuala Lumpur Metropolitan University, Malaysia. But the Commission's investigation fingered him as the arrow head of an intricate web of internet fraud scheme that traverse two continents.

When Aroke was arrested, a search conducted by EFCC operatives on his apartment led to the recovery of several items such as laptops, iPad, traveling documents, cheque books, flash drives, internet modem, and three exotic cars - a Mercedes Benz Jeep, One 4Matic Mercedes Benz Car and a Range Rover Sport SUV.

He was eventually convicted by Justice Lateefa Okunnu of a Lagos State High Court on two counts of obtaining money by false pretence, cheque cloning, wire transfer and forgery. He was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment on each of the two counts.

The press release includes a photo:

[how-aroke-convicted-fraudster-pulled-off-1m-scam-from-kirikiri-prison](#)

419 Coalition comment: Now, here is a true Original Gangsta type 419er in the tradition of Fast Freddie Ajudua... From across the aisle even We have to tip out hats to this guy for his ingenuity. To paraphrase Al Pacino in "Scarface": "Jail? What jail? I don't care about no stinkin' jail! Meet my little friends..." On a more serious note: maybe the Nigerian Government should prevail upon Malaysians to allow this fella to serve his time There, rather than in-country. That'll take care of his shenanigans, trust us on this.

18 NOV 2019

Yahoo Boy Bags Six Months Imprisonment in Ibadan

Twenty-one-year-old internet fraudster, Adeleke Oluwaseyi was on Monday, November 18, 2019, handed a six months jail term by Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court, Ibadan.

He was found guilty of a one-count charge of impersonation, filed against him by the Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, which contravenes Section 22(3) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015.

Besides the jail term, the convict was ordered to restitute \$USD150 (One hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) to his victim through the Federal Government. He also forfeited his Samsung J3, Infinix and Kigtel phones as well as his Lenovo laptop to the Federal Government.

Oluwaseyi, who claimed to be eight months into online dating fraud was arrested in June, 2019, having operated with the pseudo, name Patrick Bob and claimed to be an American citizen.

Following his plea of guilt, EFCC's counsel Ifeanyi Agwu prayed the court to sentence him in accordance with the plea bargain agreement he entered with the prosecution.

The press release includes a photo:

[yahoo-boy-bags-six-months-imprisonment-in-ibadan](#)

15 NOV 2019

Three Suspects Plead Guilty to Internet Fraud in Ilorin

The Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on Friday 15th November 2019 arraigned four suspects on offences that border on internet and other related fraud.

The Suspects: Chilaka Dickson, Abdulahi Abubakar, Olayiwola Azeez, and Enoch Oluyode were docked on four separate charges before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin, the State Capital.

The charge against one the defendants reads, "That you, Abdulahi Abubakar (Alias David John) sometime between July and October, 2017 , at Ilorin within the Judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, while acting as one Barrister David John; a Legal Practitioner and notary public in Kwara State with Yahoo mail account as barrister.davidjohn@yahoo.com did cheat one Anthony Galind with email by fraudulently inducing him in delivering to you the sum of \$200.00 (Two hundred dollars) under the guise of procuring a marriage certificate between him and an alleged Melissa Cromwell, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 322 of the same law."

The defendants with the exception of Enoch Oluyode, pleaded guilty as charged. But Oluyode claimed innocence of the criminal charge brought against him.

Items such as phones, laptops, money and a bag full of charms recovered from the defendants were tendered and admitted as Exhibits.

Prosecuting counsel, Andrew Akoja urged the court to convict the defendants that pleaded guilty and fix a date to open the case against Oluyode.

Justice Abdulgafar adjourned the matter till Tuesday November 19, for further hearing.

The press release includes a photo:

[three-suspects-plead-guilty-to-internet-fraud-in-ilorin](#)

15 NOV 2019

EFCC Arrests Two Brothers Who Allegedly Use Commission's Name To Extort 'Yahoo Boys'

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, has arrested two blood brothers for extorting internet fraudsters with promises to shield them from possible arrest by the Commission.

The siblings - Olatunji Joe Beyioku (35) and Oluwayomi Beyioku (37) - were arrested in Abeokuta, Ogun State capital, on Friday, November 15, 2019.

EFCC operatives had embarked on discreet investigations into the activities of the suspects when it was discovered that they are in the habit of the extorting 'Yahoo Boys' to help them evade arrest by the EFCC.

They claim to be spy police officers with the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), and have 'assisted' the Commission with information on the whereabouts of internet fraudsters within the town, but it was discovered that they only expose those who failed to meet their demand, while others willing and ready to play ball are shielded.

It was also discovered that they have made several millions of naira sabotaging the Commission's efforts and live large therefrom.

A search conducted on the younger brother's palatial residence along Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway suggested that they may be living far above their means. Items found in the multi-million naira building also raised suspicion of the brothers' possible involvement in other forms of criminal activities.

Items recovered from them include two cars, Honda Accord Crosstour and a Mercedes Benz GLK, different brands of mobile phones and charms.

[efcc-arrests-two-brothers-who-allegedly-use-commission-s-name-to-extort-yahoo-boys](#)

419 Coalition comment: In general, not a good idea to muscle in or mess with another criminal's racket. These guys are lucky. In many places around the world, they'd be Dead.

14 NOV 2019

Internet Fraudster Bags Six Months Imprisonment

The Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Thursday, November 14, 2019, secured the conviction of one Osarumwense Henry Afuwa (alias Manasseh Jordan) before Justice A.O Musa of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Bwari.

The Commission prosecuted the convict for internet fraud to the tune of \$1,000.

Trouble started for the convict following intelligence report on his cyber crime activities. Scam documents and messages were found in his possession upon his arrest.

Further investigations showed that he posed as Manasseh Jordan, a pastor in United States in a fictitious WhatsApp Account, and at different times, defrauded foreign women through love scam.

Upon arraignment today, he pleaded guilty to the one-count charge in line with the plea bargain agreement his defence lawyer, Ruth Joshua entered with the prosecution.

Following his guilty plea, prosecution counsel Fatima M.Mustapha prayed the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

He was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment with N60,000 option of fine by Justice Musa.

In a related development, the Abuja Zonal Office of the Commission, today, Thursday, November 14, 2019, arraigned one Alika Noma Emmanuel before Justice A.O Musa of the FCT High Court, Bwari on a three-count charge bordering on impersonation and forgery.

Emmanuel was alleged to have been posing as an officer of the EFCC and flaunting a forged identity card in attempt to defraud unsuspecting members of the public.

His arrest followed a complaint from Jonathan Shok Audi, one of his victims.

One of the charges reads: "That you, Alika Noma Emmanuel, sometime in October 2019, in Abuja, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, pretended to be a staff in the operation and investigation unit of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and in such assumed character, attempted to defraud Jonathan Shok Audi under the colour of such office and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 132 of the Penal Code Cap 532 Law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Abuja) 1990."

He pleaded not guilty to all the charges, prompting prosecution counsel Fatima M.Mustapha to ask the court for a trial date and for the defendant to be remanded in the custody of Nigerian Correctional Service, NCS. The defence counsel, A.O. Adu made no application for his bail.

Justice Musa ordered that the defendant be remanded in Kuje Prisons, Abuja and adjourned the matter until December 3, 2019 for hearing on the bail application.

The press release includes photos:

[internet-fraudster-bags-six-months-imprisonment](#)

14 NOV 2019

EFCC Arraigns Three Alleged Internet Fraudsters for \$348, 277, N817.3m Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today, Thursday, November 14, 2019 arraigned three alleged internet fraudsters; Obaro James Omemi, Ehizojie Sylvanus Omokhuale, Eghosa Atekha Osunde and a company, Seaonus Global Logistics Limited before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a five-count charge bordering on conspiracy to obtain money by false pretence, retention of proceeds of a criminal conduct and obtaining money by false pretence to the tune of \$348, 277.75 and N817, 345, 302.00.

The defendants were allegedly involved in computer related crimes through which they defrauded several persons across the world.

The defendants were also alleged to have received monies from illegal cyber transactions through their Nigerian bank accounts.

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

One of the charges reads: "That you Obaro James Omemi, Ehizojie Slyvanus Omokhuale, Eghosa Atekha Osunde and Mr. Jeffery Okojie (still at large) on or about the 24th of April, 2019 at Lagos, within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud, fraudulently obtained the sum of \$45, 000.00 (Forty Five Thousand US Dollars) by false pretence, property of Rea Katherine Minta, on the representation that the money was meant for payment for goods which representation you knew was false."

Upon their plea, prosecution counsel, Samuel Daji asked the court for a trial date and an order to remand the defendants in a Correctional Centre, pending the determination of the case.

The defence counsel, Gbenga Adetunji informed the court that the defendants have indicated a desire to negotiate a plea agreement with the EFCC.

He therefore asked the court for a short date to enable the defendants and the Commission finalise the plea bargain agreement.

Prosecuting counsel, Daji confirmed that he was aware that the defendants had made moves to enter into a plea bargain agreement with the EFCC.

Justice Taiwo, after listening to both parties, adjourned the case till November 19, 2019 for possible consideration the plea bargain agreement and remanded the defendants in the EFCC custody.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arraigns-three-alleged-internet-fraudsters-for-348-277-n817-3m-scam](#)

14 NOV 2019

A Goje Impostor Bags Three Years for Job Scam in Gombe

The Gombe Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission(EFCC), on Thursday, November 14, 2019 secured the conviction of Ibrahim Jamilu Jumare before Justice Abubakar Jauro of Gombe State High Court.

The convict was prosecuted by the EFCC on one-count charge of impersonation, which runs contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same law.

Upon his arraignment today, Jumare pleaded guilty to the charge and following the prayer of prosecution counsel A. M. Labaran, he was convicted and sentenced to three years in prison by the judge, with a N40, 000. (Forty Thousand Naira Only) option of fine.

Jumare was arrested by the EFCC following a petition by Sani Muhammad in which he alleged that a phone number purportedly belonging to Senator Danjuma Goje, former governor of Gombe State was given to him through which he can reach the senator and ex-governor for intervention so that he can secure a job.

Upon contacting the purported Senator Goje for assistance to secure employment, the impostor mimicked Goje's voice and directed him to contact one of his loyalists called Ahmed, whom he was told works with the Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR.

He said that he called the said Ahmed without hesitation, and that he was assured by him that he will be considered for an offer in the DPR.

According to him, Ahmed later asked him for a bribe for DPR officials who would facilitate the job offer, which he offered. He later discovered that he was duped. Upon Jumare's arrest, the two GSM SIM cards purportedly belonging to Senator Goje and Ahmed were found in his possession.

Further investigations revealed that the petitioner was just one out of the many job seekers the convict had defrauded by same tactics.

The press release includes a photo:

[a-goje-impostor-bags-three-years-for-job-scam-in-gombe](#)

5 NOV 2019

COURT JAILS TWO BROTHERS FIVE YEARS FOR \$788 SCAM

Justice J. K. Omotosho of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has convicted and sentenced two brothers: Otojareri Governor Lucky (a.k.a Sam Lewis) and Otojareri President Mayor (a.k.a John Jacob Carison) to five years imprisonment for obtaining money under false pretences 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.

Lucky and Mayor were arraigned by the Port Harcourt Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday October 25, 2019 on one-count charge bordering on obtaining the sum of \$788.00(USD) under false pretences.

The count reads: "That you Otojareri Governor Lucky "M" (a.k.a) Sam Lewis and Otojareri President Mayor "M" (a.k.a) John Jacob Carison between the 8th of May, 2016, and 9th July, 2016 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud did obtain the sum of Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight 788.00 (USD) through Moneygram transfer from one John Carison and Jean Rivera under the pretence that the said sum is an advance fee for the processing of a loan from Norton Finance Loans, Springfield, United Kingdom, a pretext you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1(1)(a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and Punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act."

They both pleaded guilty to the one-count charge preferred against them by the EFCC.

Justice Omotosho subsequently sentenced them to five years imprisonment with an option of fine of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira only). The sentence runs concurrently.

Lucky and Mayor bagged prison terms by fraudulently representing themselves as staff of Norton Finance, Springfield, United Kingdom to one John Carison, a United States citizen with a promise to assist him in getting loans from the company.

EFCC's investigation showed that Lucky and Mayor belonged to a syndicate of fraudsters who specialized in luring their victims into all kinds of phony deals in order to defraud them of their hard -earned money.

The press release contains a photo:

[court-jails-two-brothers-five-years-for-788-scam](#)

4 NOV 2019

EFCC Docks Suspected Internet Fraudster in Makurdi

The Makurdi Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Monday, November 4, 2019, arraigned 26-year-old suspected internet fraudster, James Kuve Sughter in Federal High Court, Makurdi, Benue State, presided over by Justice Mobolaji Olajuwon.

Sughter was docked on two-count charges, bordering on fraud and possession of documents containing false pretences.

One of the charges reads: "That you James Kuve Sughter, between January and October 2018, in Makurdi within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, did dishonestly make use of an electronic unique identification of another person to obtain the sum of N534,971 (Five Hundred and Thirty Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-one Naira) only, from one Asiwaju Dada and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(a) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act."

He pleaded not guilty to the charges, setting the stage for prosecution counsel, G. G.Chia-Yakua to ask the court for a trial date and for the defendant to be remanded in prison custody. The defence counsel, however, moved an application for his bail on liberal terms.

Justice Olajuwon granted bail to the defendant in the sum of N500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) with one surety in like sum, who must be a public servant or civil servant on grade level 12 and above, and must reside in Makurdi, own a landed property, and must also present a letter of identification to the court, show evidence of tax clearance and submit two recent passport photographs of his.

The judge adjourned the case till December 9, 2019 for commencement of trial, and ordered that the defendant be remanded in a correctional center, pending the perfection of his bail condition.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-docks-suspected-internet-fraudster-in-makurdi](#)

1 NOV 2019

EFCC ARRESTS 11 SUSPECTED YAHOO- YAHOO BOYS IN PORT HARCOURT..... Grills Nine Suspected Oil Thieves

Operatives of the Economic And Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office have arrested eleven (11) suspected internet fraudsters in a residential apartment in Ozuoba, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

They were arrested on Friday, November 1, 2019 based on intelligence and surveillance of their suspected fraudulent activities.

The suspects are: Chineyeze Aborchi Bernard; John Amos; Pinima Onyamon; Ibifuro Kingsley; Deele Noble; Samuel Francis; Christian Mfoniso; Tenalo Doomate; Mamah Uchenna Boniface, Pedro Fortune Tyger and Ikechukwu Ugwu Ifeanyi.

Items recovered from them include 16(sixteen) mobile phones of various brands, one HP Laptop, one Wi-Fi and one modem devices as well as a Toyota Corrola car.

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

[The rest of the press release concerns the oil thieves, and is omitted here]

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-11-suspected-yahoo-yahoo-boys-in-port-harcourt-grills-nine-suspected-oil-thieves](#)

2 NOV 2019

Two Internet Fraudsters Bags Four Months Imprisonment

The Benin Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday October 31, 2019 secured the convictions of two internet fraudsters who were arraigned on a one count charge each of engaging in computer phishing before Justice Emeka Nwite of the Federal High Court sitting in Warri, Delta State.

The Fraudsters, Osaghale Collins and Nwabudike Stephen Emefiele (a.k.a. Kelvin Luiz, Kelvin Wonglee, Nelson Davis, James Sanchez, Maria Wanye) were said to have intentionally engaged in phishing, an offence contrary to section 32(1) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, etc) Act, 2015.

The charge against Collins reads: "That you Osaghale Collins sometimes between 2018 and June 2019 in Benin, Edo State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did intentionally engage in Computer phishing and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 32(1) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention, etc) Act, 2015."

The defendants pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to them and were convicted and sentenced to Four (4) months imprisonment each, and a fine of two hundred thousand (N200,000) naira. The judge also ordered that the convicts forfeit all proceeds of crime to the Federal Government of Nigeria and must undertake in writing to be of good behaviour henceforth.

Justice Nwite further stated that the sentence does not restrain the prosecution from applying in writing to seize any item further traced to the convicts which are proceeds of crime.

The press release includes photos:

[two-internet-fraudsters-bags-four-months-imprisonment](#)

419 Coalition comment: And what of the victims? Are any of the criminal proceeds being returned to Them? Inquiring minds want to know...

30 OCT 2019

EFCC Arraigns Two for Cybercrime

The Abuja Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, today October 30, 2019 arraigned the duo of Ugbede Hassan Ocholi and Ngbegha Job Aondona before Justice Okon Abang of the Federal High Court, Abuja on a seven count charge bordering on internet fraud and obtaining under false pretence.

One of the counts reads: "That you Ugbede Hassan Ocholi and Ngbegha Job Aondona sometime in 2019 at Abuja within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did conspire between yourselves to commit an offence to wit: computer related fraud and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 14 (1)(b) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015".

Both defendants pleaded not guilty, prompting the prosecution counsel, Aishatu Ibrahim to ask the court for adjournment in order to present her witnesses for trial.

The defence counsel, Chris Alashi and VM Sefiano, moved bail applications for their clients which were opposed by the prosecution counsel.

Justice Abang however granted the defendants bail in the sum of N1, 500,000 each. They are also to deposit their international passports with the court registry and must not travel outside of the court's jurisdiction without permission of court.

The matter has been adjourned to January 21, 22, and 23, 2020 for trail.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arraigns-two-for-cybercrime](#)

28 OCT 2019

EFCC Parades 27 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Enugu

The Enugu Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, October 28, 2019 announced the arrest of 27 suspected internet fraudsters.

They were arrested on Thursday, October 24, 2019 in Eura Hostel, Naze-Obibiezana Road, Nekede and Bloomnesdays Plaza Hostel, Nekede, all in Owerri, Imo State, following intelligence and diligent surveillance carried out on them.

Intel established that the suspects were living above their means from proceeds of their alleged fraudulent activities, following which a team of operatives executed a coordinated raid in their residences.

Items recovered from them include: mobile phones, laptop computers, three Lexus E350 cars with registration numbers AFM 206 MK, WER 468 PP, LAG 615 FE; two Lexus R300 SUV with registration numbers MUS 276 FB, NGN 153 NX and one Toyota Avalon with registration number AAA 124 EP.

The suspects have already provided useful information that is aiding the Commission's investigation.

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

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-parades-27-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

25 OCT 2019

EFCC Smashes '419' Syndicate that Defrauded a Professor

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has cracked down on a gang of fraudsters who specialise in exploiting personal data of foreign-based Nigerians to defraud their friends and relations back home.

Four of the gang-members - 'Hon.' Oladipupo Adebayo, Bimbo Bilewu, Ibrahim Odunayo and Oyeleye Oluwatosi – are currently in the EFCC custody. Others are still at large.

The Commission had launched a manhunt on the suspects after receiving a petition from one Prof Godwin Ekhaguere.

The professor of Mathematics, who retired from the University of Ibadan, alleged in the petition that the gang defrauded him of sums totalling N565,500 (Five Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Naira). He also alleged that the fraudsters made him to part with MTN recharge vouchers worth N36,000 (Thirty-Six Thousand Naira) in the deal.

According to him, he only realised that he had been scammed after he managed to reach his friends on the phone, who denied sending anyone to him. That prompted the petition.

It was in the course of investigating the allegations that the Commission arrested Bilewu at an ATM point where he went to cash the money sent to him by one Pastor Osuji.

Incidentally, Osuji was also a victim of a crime similar to that which the Commission was investigating.

The gang's patterns of operation are similar in nature. One of them would call their would-be victim with the impression that he was an old-time friend, now based abroad. He would claim that he has a mouth-watering gift to be sent through someone who is allegedly coming home for an event. The victim would then be handed over to the 'home-bound' member. He would be the one to make all sorts of requests ostensibly to clear some obstacles to delivering the consignments from the foreign-based 'relation' or 'friend', as the case may be.

Investigations into the gang's operations revealed that they have a mobile application used in making a local number appear foreign to the call recipient.

They also use unregistered SIM cards to make their calls in order to blur out chances of tracing their real identities.

Another trick to evade arrest, according to investigations, was to open bank accounts in other people's names and take over the ATM cards from them. They direct their victims to pay into such accounts and use the ATM cards to withdraw the cash.

The suspects have owned up to the allegations against them, and are now helping the Commission in further investigations into crimes of similar nature.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-smashes-419-syndicate-that-defrauded-a-professor](#)

25 OCT 2019

EFCC Arrests Four Suspected 'Fraudsters' for Using Magu's Signature to Defraud American Lady of \$850,000 ...

Another Suspect Arrested in Port Harcourt for Using Magu's Name to Blackmail NDDC Directors for Bribe

A daring syndicate of internet 'fraudsters', who used a cloned document of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission as well as forged signature of the acting chairman of the agency, Ibrahim Magu to defraud an American Lady, has met their Waterloo. The four-man gang were smashed today in a carefully coordinated operation in Delta state by the Benin Zonal office of the Commission. The suspects are: Onoghere Romina (aka Pastor Joseph Romeo), Emoregan Fidelis Kelly (aka Williams Brian), Sunday Obi (aka Stuart Symington.) and Remember Akpobome.

The quartet was arrested sequel to intelligence obtained from their victim, Patricia Dewan Walker, a 60-year-old American.

They are alleged to have defrauded Walker of an aggregate sum of \$850,000 in dating scam. The syndicate started milking Walker in 2014, when they defrauded her of \$375,163.63.

To further hoodwink Walker to part with more money, the syndicate in 2017 forwarded forged documents and letters, including a fake letter of guarantee from EFCC and purportedly signed by the Chairman, Ibrahim Magu and one Yomi Balogun whom they claimed is the Head of Operations, Lagos. In the said letter, the syndicate told their victim to pay \$157,000 in order to receive "your consignment boxes in our custody of \$10 million and another \$3 million deposited in our office few days ago by OFAC."

Items recovered from the suspects include forged documents, including 'Payment Guarantee' from the Office of the President of Nigeria and mobile phones.

The suspects, who have confessed to the crime, will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

In a related development, the Port Harcourt Zonal office of the Commission today arrested a fake 'IBRAHIM MAGU' who has been using the name of the EFCC boss to harass and blackmail bigwigs at the Niger Delta Development Commission, NDDC, for bribes to 'Kill' phantom corruption investigations. Robert Swem Terfa was arrested in Juanita Hotel, Port Harcourt, Rivers State where he was holding a meeting with some Directors of the NDDC over a phony offer, to remove their names from the list of individuals being investigated by the EFCC.

The impostor allegedly contacted the Directors claiming to be representing the EFCC Chairman. He reminded them of the forensic audit of the accounts of the NDDC ordered by President Muhammadu Buhari and assured them that their names would be removed from the audit.

He would be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

The press release includes several photos:

[efcc-arrests-impostor-for-using-magu-s-name-to-blackmail-nddc-directors](#)

24 OCT 2019

Three Convicted of Cyber Fraud In Abeokuta

Justice Ibrahim Watilat of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta Division, on Thursday, October 24, 2019, convicted the duo of Opeyemi Ademosun and Gbolahan Olamide Dalamu of criminal impersonation and sentenced them to one year imprisonment each.

His colleague in the division, Justice Mohammed Abubakar, also sentenced another fraudster, Sokola Idris, to four months in prison.

They were found guilty of the respective one-count offences filed against them by the Ibadan zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission. The charges were products of plea bargain arrangement entered into with the EFCC

The charge against Ademosun reads: "That you Ademosun Opeyemi sometimes in November, 2018 at Awa Ijebu within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated by representing yourself to be Agent Matt. David a United States of American citizen through your email address: agentmatt david@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3)(b) and punishable under Section 22(4) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015."

After the accused persons' 'guilty' plea, EFCC counsel Oyediran Oyelakin prayed the court to sentence them according to the terms of the plea bargain agreement.

Apart from the one year sentencing, the judge also ordered Dalamu to restitute \$600 USD (Six hundred United States of America Dollars) through the Federal government of Nigeria to his victim. He will also forfeit Apple Iphone 7 to the Federal government of Nigeria.

However, Ademosun will restitute \$500 USD (Five Hundred United States of America Dollars) to his victim and forfeit his Toyota Camry 2008 model, Apple Macbook Pro Laptop, Iphone X, Head Pod, Apple wristwatch, two wristwatches and Nokia phone to the Federal Government.

Idris' sentencing also came with the order to forfeit his Samsung J3 Prime phone to the government.

Thw pewaa release includes photos:

[three-convicted-of-cyber-fraud-in-abeokuta](#)

24 OCT 2019

Charms, Fake Currencies Recovered from Internet Fraud Suspects in Ilorin

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal Office have recovered charms, smart phones, Laptop computers and fake currencies from 10 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects: Paul Chibuzor, David Daniels, Tolu Ogundowole, Tosin Ogundowole, Agwu Goodness, Olayiwola Azeez, Olamide Ijisesan, Chilaka Dickson, Abdullahi Abubakar and Temitope Bambo, were picked up from their hideout in the Basin area of Ilorin, Kwara State on Monday, October 21, 2019, following reports of their alleged involvement in cyber crime.

The suspects have volunteered information to the Commission, while investigation continues.

They would be charged to court at the end of investigation.

The press release includes photos:

[charms-fake-currencies-recovered-from-internet-fraud-suspects-in-ilorin](#)

23 OCT 2019

Oyo Court Jails 29-Year-Old Internet Fraudster

Justice Bayo Taiwo of the Oyo State High Court on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 sentenced one Wright Shola John to one year imprisonment for defrauding an American citizen, Erica Hegge, of the sum of \$1,450 (One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars).

The 29-year-old, who operated with the pseudonym David Riger, was found guilty of a one-count charge of obtaining money by false pretence filed against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office.

The offence runs contrary to Section 419 of the Criminal Code, Cap 38, Laws of Oyo State, 2000. He pleaded guilty to the charge when read to him. The plea was consequent upon a plea bargain agreement between him and the Commission.

While relating with his victim, John had falsely presented himself as a white man to gain access and subsequently preyed on her.

Due to the 'guilty' plea, the EFCC counsel, Abdulrasheed Lanre Suleman, prayed the court to adopt the conditions of the plea bargain agreement which included restitution of the sum in question to the owner and forfeiture of items recovered from him.

Justice Taiwo granted the prayers as he ordered that the convict pays back the \$1,450 to the owner through the EFCC.

He also held that the Tecno phone recovered from him in the course of investigation be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

His conviction takes effect from his day of arrest.

[oyo-court-jails-29-year-old-internet-fraudster](#)

22 OCT 2019

EFCC Re-arraigns Suspected Fraudster on Amended Charges

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on October 22, 2019 re-arraigned Okoroji Chinonso Stanley on four amended charges before Justice Giwa Ogunbanjo of the Federal High Court Abuja.

It could be recalled that Stanley was arraigned on June 6, 2019 on four-count charges, bordering on money laundering to the tune of N23,697,000 million (Twenty Three Million Six Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand Naira) only, to which he pleaded not guilty to all. He was later released on bail.

At the resume hearing on Tuesday, the team of the prosecution counsel, led by Chile Okoroma presented four amended charges against the defendant, which it had earlier filed on October 11, and urged the court to adopt the new charges and for the defendant to be re-arraigned upon the amended charges.

"The matter is for re-arraignment and trial. We have an amended charge, filed on October 11, 2019, for which we humbly seek the acceptance of my lord. We have our proof of evidence, witnesses, case summary and other necessary documents in support of our prayer," Okoroma said.

The judge asked the defence team, led by Abdulhamid Muhammad if it had any objection to the amended charges, to which Muhammad replied in the negative.

"We have received the copy of the amended charges and we have no objection," Muhammad said, but prayed the court to allow the defendant to continue to enjoy his bail.

Prosecution counsel did not object to the prayer but urged the court to read the amended charges to the defendant.

Count four of the amended charge reads: "That you Okoroji Chinonso Stanley on or about 3rd of April, 2018 in Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court disguised the origin of the sum of N20,000,000.00 (Twenty Million Naira) only in your Ecobank Plc Account no: 5091081508 which you know to be proceeds of unlawful act to wit: participation in an organized criminal group and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 15(2)(a) of the Money Laundering Prohibition Act 2011 as amended by the Money Laundering Prohibition Amendment Act 2012 and punishable under Section 15(3) of the same Act. '

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the all four amended charges.

The trial began immediately with prosecution counsel presenting two witnesses: Howard Adunn, an investigator of United Bank for Africa (UBA) and Makinde Vincent, a police inspector of the Intelligence Response Team of the Inspector General of Police.

Being led in evidence by the prosecution counsel, Vincent who was among the police officers that arrested the defendant said "We have a video clip of the defendant, confessing his crime on DVD plate and there's no enforcement. He voluntarily confessed, on hearing that he is an internet fraudster. My boss, Deputy Commissioner of Police Abba Kyari ordered me to hand him over to EFCC since we don't deal with internet fraudsters," he said.

After the confessional video clip of the defendant was played from the beginning to the

end in the court, the defence counsel, Muhammad in his cross-examination of the witness said that the defendant was beaten and forced to confess. "It was not voluntary. I urge this honourable court for-trial-within-trial" he said.

Justice Giwa granted the prosecution's prayer for trial-within-trial, which took off immediately with the prosecution, presenting the prosecution witness, Police inspector Vincent, yet again before the court.

Led in evidence by Okoroma, the lead prosecution counsel in the trial-within-trial, the witness restated that the defendant freely confessed and that no force or coercion was applied on him.

The judge adjourned the matter to November 20 and 21 of 2019 for ruling on the trail within trail and continuation of the substantive trail.

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-re-arraigns-suspected-fraudster-on-amended-charges](#)

22 OCT 2019

EFCC Arrests Ismaila Mustapha (a.k.a Mompha) for Alleged Fraud and Money Laundering

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested a social media celebrity, Ismaila Mustapha popularly known as Mompha for alleged involvement in internet related fraud and money laundering.

The suspect was arrested on Friday 18 October, 2019 at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja on his way to Dubai, United Arab Emirate following series of actionable intelligence reports linking him to organised transnational cyber fraud and money laundering.

Ismaila allegedly perpetrates his fraudulent activities under the cover of being a Bureau de Change operator, to launder his proceeds of crime.

However, the suspect has volunteered useful information while investigation continues.

At the point of arrest, five wristwatches with a total value of over twenty million naira (N20, 000, 000: 00) was recovered from him.

The suspect will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-ismaila-mustapha-a-k-a-mompha-for-alleged-fraud-and-money-laundering](#)

22 OCT 2019

EFCC Records 882 Convictions in 10 Months, Budgets N30.9bn for 2020

[efcc-records-882-convictions-in-10-months-budgets-n30-9bn-for-2020](#)

419 Coalition Note: This a rather statistics heavy article basically on EFCC recoveries and funding. We would like to note that 419 Coalition has been recommending for over a DECADE that EFCC retain, to assist in funding its operations, Ten Percent (10%) of all monies REPATRIATED (not recovered, but VERIFIABLY REPATRIATED) into the hands of victims of 419. EFCC needs to be encouraged, in our view, to not only Recover stolen monies and liquidated assets from 419ers, but to promptly, efficiently, and routinely REPATRIATE the stolen monies/assets to their victims. Call the 10% fee a "processing fee" or a "service charge" or a "surtax" or anything the EFCC feels like, but GET THE REMAINING 90% OF ALL RECOVERED MONIES FROM 419ERS BACK INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR VICTIMS VERY QUICKLY WITH MINIMUM ADO. That remains the recommendation of the 419 Coalition.

21 OCT 2019

Internet Fraudster Bags Prison Term in Abuja

Justice O.E Abang of the Federal High Court, Abuja on October 21, 2019, sentenced and convicted one Ekhatior Prince (a.k.a Maxwell), to six months imprisonment on two-count charges, bordering cyber crimes and impersonation.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, had on September 9, 2019, arraigned the convict in court.

Count one of the charge reads: "That you Ekhaton Prince (a.k.a Maxwell) Sometime in 2019 at Abuja FCT within the Jurisdiction of this honorable court, did fraudulently impersonate a United States citizen named Maxwell on Hangout social media application account, with the intent to obtain the sum of 500,000 USD (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) from one Katie Henderson of United States of America, through the Western Union account of one Paul, and there by committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (iv) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charges after it was read to him.

However, prosecution counsel, Maryam Hayatudden, told the court that the defendant had on October 18 2019, filed a plea bargain agreement which was signed by both parties and urged the court to adopt the agreement and convict and sentence the defendant accordingly.

Justice Abang, while noting that plea bargain was in line with the provision of Section 22 (2)(b) and (2) (iv) of the Cyber-Crime Prohibition Prevention Act 2015, convicted and sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment with effect from the day of conviction with N300, 000, (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) option of fine, which must be paid to the Federal Government of Nigeria, through the EFCC, "In line with the plea bargain agreement, which the defendant lawfully, willingly, and voluntarily entered into by the prosecution and defendant on October 18, 2019.

The press release includes a photo:

[internet-fraudster-bags-prison-term-in-abuja](#)

18 OCT 2019

EFCC ARRESTS NINE FOR CYBERFRAUD

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office on Friday October 18, 2019 arrested nine suspected cyber crime fraudsters at Mexmemphis Properties and Apartments, Maryland District, Enugu.

The suspects, Precious Ibegbulem, Michael Odishi, Ebuka Kenneth, Akabuke Beluolisa, Chibueze Ezeagwu, Nnamdi Maduekwe, Kingsley Orazulike, Linda Chidera and Uche Nwosu were arrested following an intelligence report about their lifestyle and suspected criminal activities.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones, laptop computers, two Toyota Corolla vehicles with the registration number DM 722 YAB and LSR 468 FW, etc.

The suspects will be charged to court when investigation is concluded.

The press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-nine-for-cyberfraud](#)

17 OCT 2019

Ilorin Court Sentences Oyediran, FBI Suspect to One Year Imprisonment

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal Office on Thursday, on October 17, 2019 secured the conviction of one Joseph Oyediran, a suspect in the wanted list of United States of America (USA) Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) for internet fraud.

Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of Kwara State High Court convicted and sentenced Oyediran to one year imprisonment, having relied on the documents tendered and evidence presented by the EFCC.

The Commission had arraigned the convict on five-count charges, for which he pleaded not guilty but later approached the prosecution team for a plea bargain.

Following the plea bargain agreement, the prosecution amended the charge.

Count one of the amended charge reads: "That you, Joseph Oyediran (alias Joe M.G. Graves) between April, 2015 to June 2015, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this honourable court

did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Joe M.G. Graves, a white male with gmail account gravesmjoe@gmail.com, and fraudulently deceived one Andrea Smith, an American citizen to send N2,392, 105.00 (Two million, three hundred and ninety two thousand, one hundred and five Naira) after you made her believe you were in love with her and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code."

He pleaded guilty to the amended one count charge.

While reviewing the facts of the case, the prosecution summoned the Head of Advance Fee Fraud Section of the EFCC, Ilorin Zonal Office, Olamide Sadiq as witness, who gave account of investigations carried out by his team in the matter.

Sadiq, a Principal Detective Superintendent, told Justice Abdulgafar said "My lord on the 24th of July 2019, the Commission received a petition from the Federal Bureau of Investigations against the defendant. The FBI alleged that Oyediran was involved in business email compromise, romance scam and other fraud-related offence. Based on investigations, the suspect was arrested and he confessed to the crime."

Delivering his judgment on Thursday, Justice Abdulgafar said the testimonies of the prosecution witness, the plea of the defendant and documents presented were enough to conclude that the prosecution was able to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

"The convict is hereby sentenced to one year imprisonment while his one plot of land, located at Wara, behind Ilorin West Local Government Secretariat and the sum of N800,000 (Eight Hundred Thousand Naira) recovered from him should be forfeited to the federal government," Justice Abdulgafar ruled.

[ilorin-court-sentences-oyediran-fbi-suspect-to-one-year-imprisonment](#)

14 OCT 2019

Corps Member Convicted for \$150 Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Enugu Zone, today Monday October 14, 2019 secured the conviction of one Samuel Orie, a serving NYSC member before Justice I.N Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu on one count of impersonation and obtaining by false pretence to the tune of \$150.

Orie was arrested on August 23, 2019 based on intelligence regarding his fraudulent activities. The charge against him reads, "that you SAMUEL ORIE(alias SCOTT GIBB) sometime in 2019 in Enugu within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, fraudulently presented yourself as Mr. Scott Gibb, an American contractor travelling around the world and using your email address to wit: scotgibb23@gmail.com with the intent to obtain money from unsuspecting victims on the internet and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3) (b) and punishable under Section 22(4) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention) Act 2015".

When the charge was read to him, Orie pleaded guilty. The prosecution counsel E.V Dalyop consequently urged the court to convict him as charged.

But the defendant's counsel E.O Isiwu pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as his client was a first time offender who was remorseful and willing to make restitution for all his actions.

Justice Buba convicted Orie and sentenced him to one month imprisonment starting from the date of his arrest. He is also to forfeit the sum of \$150 and his Techno Camon M phone.

A photo accompanies the article:

[corps-member-convicted-for-150-fraud](#)

14 OCT 2019

EFCC Storms 'Yahoo-Boys' Party In Osogbo, Arrests 94 Suspects

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Monday, October 14, 2019, raided a Osogbo-based nightclub notorious for hosting parties for suspected internet fraudsters.

The raid led to the arrest of 94 suspects and confiscation of 19 exotic cars, laptops, scores of sophisticated mobile phones and other items.

Popularly known as 'Club Secret Underground', the nightclub is located on the Ibadan-Iwo Expressway of the Osun State capital.

The wee-hour operation was sequel to an intelligence report hinting that the suspected internet fraudsters were organising a night party for Sunday, October 13 during which some of them intended to celebrate their loots.

A discreet operation on the club had earlier been carried out to ascertain the authenticity of the intelligence.

The confirmation led to the mega raid effected on Monday.

The suspects are currently undergoing further interrogation, and those indicted would be charged to court as soon as investigations are con

The press release includes several photos:

[efcc-storms-yahoo-boys-party-in-osogbo-arrests-94-suspects](#)

11 OCT 2019

Two Jailed For Internet Fraud

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court, Ibadan on Friday, October 11, 2019, convicted two internet fraudsters and sentenced them to six months in prison each.

The convict, Idris Adedigba and Bola Seun Badejo, were found guilty of their separate one-count charges bordering on fraudulent impersonation preferred against them by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office.

They both pleaded guilty to the charges when read to them.

Besides the jail terms, the duo were to restitute sums of money established to be proceeds of their criminal acts to their victims, as well as forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria items recovered from them during arrest and investigation.

Adedigba was ordered to restitute \$1,000 USD while Badejo will be returning \$500 USD, both through the Federal Government.

Items to be forfeited include an HP laptop, Acer laptop, Nokia phone, Internet modem, Iphone 8 plus and Iphone X,

Yhe press release includes a photo:

[two-jailed-for-internet-fraud](#)

419 Coalition note: We are pleased to see that restitution was ordered, and trust that the Federal Government of Nigeria will see to it that the monies are indeed promptly restituted to the victims of these 419ers.

10 OCT 2019

EFCC Docks Four for Alleged Internet Fraud

Ibadan zonal office arraigned four alleged Internet fraudsters before Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court 1, sitting in Ibadan, Oyo state.

The suspects are Samuel Afolabi Afolabi, Olanrewaju Idris Arogundade, Omolanbe Sogo Oluwafemi and Adedapo John Adeagbo.

They were arraigned separately on different count charges that border on possession of fake documents containing false pretences, fraudulent impersonation with intent to defraud and other internet related offences.

They all pleaded not guilty to the offences when read to them.

Due to the not-guilty plea, the EFCC counsel, Oyediran Oyelakin, prayed the court to remand the accused in prison pending the next adjourned date.

However, counsel to Olanrewaju and Adedapo filed for their bail applications.

Justice Ajoku has fixed November 4 and 5 for hearing on their respective bail applications.

All defendants are ordered to be remanded in prison custody pending hearing on bail applications and/or substantive matters.

[efcc-docks-four-for-alleged-internet-fraud](#)

10 OCT 2018

EFCC Nabs Suspected Internet Fraud Kingpin in Delta

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,(EFCC) from the Benin Zonal Office on Wednesday October 9, 2019 arrested a suspected internet fraud kingpin, Akegor Godbless Omamuyorwi at his palatial home in Ughelli, Delta State.

The arrest of the 34-year-old alleged internet fraud kingpin, who is also a chief in his Agbaro Community, was triggered by a petition from a bank following complaint by a Canadian resident, who alleged that she had transferred the sum of \$390,950.34 Canadian dollar to two different accounts in the same bank and suspects a scam.

Preliminary investigations showed that Omamuyorwi was involved in romance scam and presented himself as Mr Sheri Hunt, an oil worker in Milan, Italy to his victim. He hoodwinked his 'lover' victim with the impression that he was sending her a package but demanded for money under the pretext of paying medical bills, legal fee and diplomatic fees. To further give credence to his fraudulent activities in order to defraud his victim, he sent several emails purportedly from the Canadian Ambassador to Italy and the bank, persuading his victim to accede to his request.

The Commission has sealed his mansion in Ughelli and recovered two high-end cars, with personalised plate numbers from him.

Already, he has made useful statements and will be arraigned in court as soon as investigations are completed.

The press release includes several photos:

[efcc-nabs-suspected-internet-fraud-kingpin-in-delta](#)

419 Coalition says: We approve of making examples of the bigger fish, as we think it scares off the smaller fish :)

9 OCT 2019

Court Jails Internet Fraudster without Option of Fine

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ilorin Zonal Office on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 secured the conviction of one Akinbamidele Femi John in a Kwara State High Court, presided over by Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar.

The convict faced three-count charges, bordering on internet fraud and other fraud-related offences.

Count one of the charge reads: "That you, Akinbamidele Femi John (a.k.a Brenda Jason) on or about 20th March, 2018 at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court attempted to commit an offence by pretending to be Brenda Jason, a female with a gmail account: jasonbrenda00@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to sections 95 and 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same law."

It could be recalled that Akinbamidele upon his arraignment on Monday, October 7,2019 pleaded guilty to all the three charges levelled against him by the EFCC.

While sentencing him today, Justice Abdulgafar said the evidence of the prosecution witness, Olamide Sadiq who is the Head of Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Ilorin Zonal Office was strong and reliable.

"It was the evidence of the PW1 that an iPhone7 was recovered from Akinbamidele and the analysis of the phone indicated that the defendant possessed fraudulent documents in order to defraud the people."

"I found you, Akinbamidele Femi John guilty of all the three count charges brought against you. I hereby sentence you to six months imprisonment."

The sentence was without an option of fine, while the convict also forfeited the iPhone7 recovered from him to the federal government.

Press release includes a photo:

[court-jails-internet-fraudster-without-option-of-fine](#)

9 OCT 2019

Court Jails One, Remands Four Others In Ibadan Over Internet Fraud

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, sentenced one Alabi Okikiola to 12 months in prison after finding him guilty of fraudulent impersonation in a criminal charge filed against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office.

The judge also ordered that four other suspected internet fraudsters be remanded in prison pending the determination of their bail applications.

The accused - Falade Fisayo Abimbola, Arowojobe Femi Oluwaseun, Akinsipe Olalekan Gayus, and Ezekiel Rotimi Akinyele - were arraigned separately on different count charges bordering on obtaining money under false pretense, possession of fraudulent documents and money laundering.

They all pleaded not-guilty to their respective charges, prompting the prosecution counsel, Dr. Ben Ubi and Babatunde Sonoiki, to pray the court for trial date and order to remand them in prison custody.

The trial judge adjourned to October 24 and November 27, 2019, for hearing of bail application and trial of the case against Abimbola. She also fixed October 22 and November 6, 2019, for argument on Oluwaseun's bail application and his trial respectively.

The court further adjourned to October 17 and 25, 2019, respectively for hearing of bail application and trial in Gayus' matter, while slating Akinyele's trial for October 18.

All the accused will remain in prison custody till their respective next adjourned dates.

While pronouncing Okikiola guilty of the one-count amended charge of criminal impersonation, Justice Ajoku held that the offence offended Section 22 (2)(b)(iv) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc) Act, 2015, and punishable under Section 22 (3) of the same Act.

Apart from the one year imprisonment, the convict, who pleaded guilty to the offence, was to restitute the sum of N60,000 (Sixty Thousand Naira) being benefit he derived from his fraudulent act.

He will also forfeit his laptop and charger, two Samsung hard drives, one iPhone 5 and one Nokia phone to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The jail term takes effect from May 14, 2019 when he was arrested.

The press release includes two photos:

[court-jails-one-remands-four-others-in-ibadan-over-internet-fraud](#)

9 OCT 2019

Court Jails Internet Fraudster Nine Months, Remands Another In Prison Custody

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Wednesday October 9, 2019, secured the conviction and sentencing of one Ayodeji Samuel Alaja to nine months imprisonment for possession of fraudulent documents before Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was arraigned today by the EFCC on one-count charge of involvement in internet fraud. The count charge reads: "That you, Ayodeji Samuel Alaja, sometime in 2019 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, knowingly had in your possession documents containing false pretence."

The convict pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him. In view of his guilty plea, the prosecution counsel, Ebareotu Pereagbe, informed the court that the convict had entered into a "plea bargain" with the Commission.

The prosecution counsel, Pereagbe, therefore, reviewed the facts of the case, wherein the convict

made a confessional statement to the EFCC after he was arrested on August 27, 2019. Pereagbe also told the court that a laptop and a phone were recovered from the convict at the point of arrest.

Pereagbe urged the court to adopt the plea bargain agreement to convict and sentence the defendant accordingly.

Alaja's counsel prayed the court to "temper Justice with mercy" in sentencing him, saying, "My Lord, my client has three kids and a pregnant wife whose well being depends on the convict."

Justice Solebo, after listening to both parties, convicted and sentenced the defendant to nine months imprisonment without an option of fine.

The Judge also ordered that the items recovered from the convict be forfeited to the Federal Government.

In a related development, the EFCC also arraigned another internet fraudster, Faris Oloko, before Justice Sherifat Solebo on one-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents. The count reads: "That you, Faris Oloko, sometime in 2018 in Lagos within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession fraudulent documents, which you ought to know, having regard to the circumstances of the case that the document contain false pretence."

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

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Ebareotu Pereagbe asked the court for a trial date and order to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the determination of the case.

The defence counsel, Temitope Azeez, informed the court that the defendant "is willing to enter into a plea bargain with the Commission." Azeez, therefore, asked the court for a short date to finalise the process of the agreement.

Justice Soleb adjourned the case to October 25, 2019 to either consider a plea bargain agreement or for commencement of trial. The Judge also ordered that the defendant be remanded in prison custody.

The press release includes photos:

[court-jails-internet-fraudster-nine-months-remands-another-in-prison-custody](#)

8 OCT 2019

Internet Fraud Suspect Arraigned, Remanded in Prison in Kwara

A Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Tuesday October 8, 2019 ordered one Babatunde Muhammad Bashir to be remanded in Oke Kura Prison pending the hearing and determining of a four count charge bordering on internet fraud brought against him by the Ilorin zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

Count one of the charge reads, "That you, Babatunde Muhammad Bashir on or about the 20th day of September 2019 in Ilorin, within the Jurisdiction of the High Court of Kwara State, with intent to defraud, had in your possession a document containing false pretence, to wit: hangout with +1 6212-913-2052, in which you represented yourself as a Detective and requested one Mr Elian Torres Saucedo to send \$500 gift cards, a representation 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 the same Act".

He pleaded "not guilty" to the four count charges.

In view of his plea, the prosecuting counsel, Christopher Mschelia asked the court for a date for the commencement of trial and to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the hearing and determination of the case.

However, defense counsel, Lanre Badmus objected to the prosecution's request for the remand of his client in prison custody.

Justice Oyinloye however over ruled the objection and ordered the defendant to be remanded in Oke-Kura Prison .

The matter was adjourned to October 30, 2019 for commencement of trial.

Press release includes a photo:

[internet-fraud-suspect-arraigned-remanded-in-prison-in-kwara](#)

8 OCT 2019

EFCC Arrests Five Undergraduates, Twelve Others For Alleged Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Monday, October 7, 2019, arrested 17 suspected internet fraudsters among whom were five who claimed to be students of the Federal Polytechnic, Ado Ekiti.

The suspects were arrested in Ado-Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, following meticulous consideration of intelligence reports detailing their alleged involvement in internet fraud and other related offenses.

Before the arrest, operatives of the Commission in the zone had conducted preliminary investigations to ascertain the merits of the allegations against them.

After establishing substantive facts, the EFCC sprang into action and effected the arrest on Monday.

While five of the suspects claimed to be students of the Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti, others said they were into various vocations.

Some items used in perpetrating the crime were recovered from them and registered as exhibits to be tendered in court.

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

The press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-five-undergraduates-twelve-others-for-alleged-internet-fraud](#)

7 OCT 2019

Two Brothers Bag Six Years for Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Monday, October 7, 2019 arraigned two brothers, Solomon and Godspower Nwachukwu before Justice I. U. Bello of the High Court of Federal Capital Territory, sitting in Bwari, Abuja, on separate one-count amended charge, bordering on cyber crime and obtaining money under false pretence.

Prosecution counsel, Maryam Aminu Ahmed, had prayed the court to amend the charge, dated September 27, 2019.

The charge against Godspower reads: "That you, Gospower Nwachukwu sometime in April 2016 at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honorable court fraudulently induced one Matthew Scott, a citizen of United States of America to deliver the sum of \$1,900 (One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) to you through bitcoin online payment and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 (a) of the Penal Code, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1990 (Abuja) and punishable under Section 322 of the same law."

The charge against Solomon reads: "That you, Engr. Nwachukwu Solomon sometime in April 2016 at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, fraudulently induced one Janet Allen, a citizen of the United States of America to deliver the sum of N230,000 (Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Naira) to you via www.linkedin.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 (a) of the Penal Code, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1990 (Abuja) and punishable under Section 322 of the same law."

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

Defence counsel, Abaji Abel did not object to the amended charges, but urged the judge to temper justice with mercy as his clients were both remorseful. He pleaded that the defendants being first-time offenders should be given a second chance, especially as they had already forfeited all proceeds of the crime traced to them, including a iPhoneX to the federal government, following a plea bargain agreement.

Justice Bello sentenced the brothers to three years imprisonment each with an option of N1,500,000 fine (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira) to be paid to the EFCC for onward return to their victims through the US Embassy, as restitution.

"The defendants shall also depose to an affidavit of undertaking to be of good behavior," the judge added.

[two-brothers-bag-six-years-for-internet-fraud](#)

419 Coalition comment: We trust that the US Embassy will see to it that the court ordered funds are indeed paid to it, and then see to sending those monies along to the victims.

7 OCT 2019

Court Jails Man Five Years For \$1,049,251.84 Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has secured the conviction and sentencing of one Augustine Ighodalo to five years imprisonment for criminal offence bordering on retention of proceeds to the tune of \$1,049,251.84 (One Million, Forty-nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-one United States Dollars, Eighty-four Cent) before Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convict was arraigned on September 26, 2019 on a three-count charge bordering on "transfer of criminal proceeds to a nominee", following intelligence received by the Commission from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI."

The press release contains a photo:

[court-jails-man-five-years-for-1-049-251-84-fraud](#)

419 Coalition comment: We suspect that this is the tip of the iceberg, and that even more monies passed through this 419ers hands. And... where is the stolen Money? Who was the "nominee" to whom the article refers? What happened to him? When will the stolen monies be recovered and repatriated? Lots of questions with this one... inquiring minds want to know....

4 OCT 2019

Man Jailed 2 Years for Cybercrime

Raphael Onwugbolu has bagged two years jail term for internet fraud. The conviction followed his prosecution by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC before Justice Taiwo Taiwo of the Federal High Court, Abuja, on two counts bordering on cybercrime.

One of the charges reads: "That you, Raphael Ifedora Onwugbolu (a.k.a Jeffrey Hanks) sometime in 2006 at Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, fraudulently impersonated one Jeffrey Hanks, an American medical doctor based in South Africa, with intent to obtain property to wit: the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand United States Dollars) from one Maria Sandas, an American resident, and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under the same Act."

He pleaded guilty to all the charges. Following his 'guilty plea', prosecuting counsel, Olanrewaju Adeola, informed the court of a plea bargain agreement entered with the defence team, and urged the court to adopt same and sentence the defendant based on the terms of the agreement.

In his response, defence counsel, Adaji Abel pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy, saying the defendant has become a changed person since 2006 when the offence was committed.

Justice Taiwo adopted the terms of the plea bargain and convicted him accordingly.

In his ruling, Justice Taiwo held that: "I am mindful of these types of crime in our society, which is giving our country a bad image all over the world."

"However, in view of the plea bargain agreement, the defendant is hereby sentenced to two years in prison, but with an option of fine of N1million to be paid to the account of the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the office of the EFCC."

The press release includes a photo:

[man-jailed-2-years-for-cybercrime](#)

3 OCT 2019

EFCC Arrests Six Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Lagos

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested six suspected internet fraudsters in Lagos.

The suspects, Oluwaseyi Gabriel Obe, Omojuyigbe Paul, Olubodun Victor, Alade Amos Opeyemi, Harry Osaremesin and Osaro Aganwonyi, were arrested during a sting operation in the early hours of today, October 3, 2019 at the Igando area of Lagos, following intelligence reports received by the Commission about their alleged involvement in the criminal activity.

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest include mobile phones, laptops and a car.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

[efcc-arrests-six-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

3 OCT 2019

Poly Student Convicted for \$1,500 Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zone on Wednesday October 2, 2019 secured the conviction of one Josephat Ani before Justice Ibrahim Buba of the Federal High Court, Enugu. He was prosecuted on a one count charge bordering on impersonation and obtaining by false pretence to the tune of \$1500.

Ani was arrested on September 2, 2019 based on information linking him to identity theft, impersonation and defrauding unsuspecting victims of their money.

He was arraigned on September 30, 2019 on one count charge. The charge reads, "that you Josephat Ani sometime in 2019 in Enugu, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, with intent to defraud impersonated one General Nelson Moore of United States International Leave Board, Syria Peace Keeping Office: and under the guise gained advantage for yourself by obtaining the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars(\$1,500) from one Cindy Sullivan: 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.

Ani pleaded guilty to the charge. The prosecution counsel Eunice Vou Dalyop prayed the court to convict the accused as charged.

The defendant's counsel J.C Ene pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as the accused was a first time offender, a student studying at the Covenant Polytechnic, Aba. He added that Ani was remorseful.

The judge consequently convicted Ani and sentenced him to one month imprisonment starting from the date of his arrest. He is also to forfeit to the Federal Government, a HP Laptop with serial Number CNU1392YNN, and an iPhone 7 with IMEI number 3533230716015. The items are to be sold and the proceeds paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund while the \$1500 shall be paid back to the victim Cindy Sullivan.

A photo accompanies the press release:

[poly-student-convicted-for-1-500-fraud](#)

2 OCT 2019

EFCC Re-arraigns Fugitive Internet Fraudster

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal office on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 re-arraigned a 32 year-old man, Abolarin Kayode before Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of Kwara State High Court, sitting in Ilorin.

Kayode was arraigned on seven-count charge, bordering on internet fraud and other fraud-related offences.

It could be recalled that the defendant was initially arraigned sometime in February 2019 before Justice Babagana Ashigar of Federal High Court, Ilorin but absconded after he was granted bail.

However, his luck ran out sometime in August as EFCC operatives traced him to Government Reserved Area (G.R.A.) Ilorin where he was rearrested.

One of the charge reads, "That you, Abolarin Kayode (alias Lauren Saint) on or about the 6th day of February 2019, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of the High Court of Kwara State, with intent to defraud, had in your possession a document containing false pretence, to wit, an email titled "Paid to drive initiative by your Budweiser," which you sent to one Chad Bakichan American citizen through your acclaimed email laurenstaint345@gmail.com, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6 read along with Section 8 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1 of the same Act."

On his re-arraignment today, he pleaded not guilty to the charges, prompting prosecution counsel, Nnaemeka Omewa to ask the court for a trial date and for him to be remanded in prison custody.

In his response, counsel to the defendant, Mr I. Abdulazeez pleaded with the court to remand his

client in the custody of the EFCC, which was refused by the judge.

Justice Oyinloye adjourned the matter to October 17, 2019 and ordered that the defendant be remanded in prison.

A photo accompanies the press release:

[efcc-re-arraigns-fugitive-internet-fraudster](#)

2 OCT 2019

Man Remanded in Prison Over Alleged N30m Internet Fraud

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, has ordered that one Onifade Gideon Idowu be remanded in prison pending when a case of alleged fraud filed against him is decided.

The accused was arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, on a five-count charge bordering on forgery, fake representation, obtaining money under false pretence and internet-related offences.

He was said to have explored the internet, through series of fake representations, to illegally receive over N30 million (Thirty Million Naira) and other sums in foreign currencies from victims of his fraudulent activities across the world.

One of the charges reads: "That you Onifade Gideon Idowu (a.k.a Melina Seeking, Melina Shelly James) sometime between the year 2017-2019 at Ibadan, Oyo State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable court took possession of the sum of N30,000,000 (Thirty Million Naira) paid into your account with UBA Bank Plc with account number - 2091840941 when you reasonably ought to have known that the said funds formed part of the proceeds of an unlawful activity of wit: fraud, and thereby committed an offence to section 15 (2)(d) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 as amended and punishable under section 15 (3) of the same Act."

Due to the not-guilty plea, counsel to the EFCC, Murtala Usman, prayed the court for trial date and order to remand the defendant in prison custody.

The judge granted the prayer as he adjourned the case to November 4, 2019 for trial, and ordered that Onifade be remanded in the Agodi prison.

Press release includes photo:

[man-remanded-in-prison-over-alleged-n30m-internet-fraud](#)

30 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 6 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja

Operatives of the Advanced Fee Fraud Section of the Abuja Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Monday September 30, 2019 raided the residences of suspected internet fraudsters at Flats 1 and 3, Life Camp Extension Estate, Abuja.

The operations which was carried out following information regarding the alleged criminal activities of the suspects, led to the arrest of the following: Raphel Chibuzor, Oyewumi Adewale, Onyeoghene Isiomha Progress, Ayo Abiodun Richard, Oloyede Faith Damilare and Ibrahim Yusuf Waziri.

Some of the items recovered from the suspects include mobile phones, laptop computers, a Toyota Highlander SUV and Toyota Corolla car.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Several photos included in press release:

[efcc-arrests-6-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

27 SEP 2019

EFCC Nabs Abuja Yahoo Yahoo Boys

In furtherance of its ongoing national offensive against perpetrators of cybercrime Operatives of the Cybercrime Section of the Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Tuesday September 24, 2019 raided the residences of suspected internet fraudsters at No 5

Arbe Saibra Dantata Estate Kubwa, Abuja.

The operation was triggered by intelligence regarding the activities of the suspects who were placed under close surveillance for weeks.

The suspects arrested are Aifuwa Aisosa, Desmond Imasuen, Usman Malik, Odiesen Ken, Odiase Emmanuel and Aifuwa Henry.

Some of the items recovered from the suspects include mobile phones, laptop computers, and a Mercedes C350.

In the same vein, the Advanced Fee Fraud section of the Abuja Zonal office on Thursday, September 26, arrested another cybercrime suspect, Mbaeri Anselm Chukwuma at David Estate, Gwarimpa. Items recovered from him include a Toyota Rav4, 2 laptops, 2 phones and a Pump Action Rifle with 2 Cartridges.

The suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigations are con

Several photos included in press release:

[efcc-nabs-abuja-yahoo-yahoo-boys](#)

27 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 18 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Lagos

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested 18 (Eighteen) suspected internet fraudsters in Lagos.

The suspects are: Abass Mukhtar, Enitan Adekunle, Olakunle Araoyinbo, Korede Adetule, Christmas Gabriel, Christmas Yole, Christmas Emmanuel and Harrison Obayogbono.

Others are: Victor Kenneth, Adewale Musibau, Oluwajuwon Shofuyi, Idris Abdulazeez, Oyeku Adeoye, Omilana Adeleke, Okeke Chucks, Peters Olamide, Abayomi Jones and Usman Olalekan.

They were arrested in the early hours of Friday, September 27, 2019 at different locations in the Alagbado area of Lagos State, following intelligence received by the Commission about their alleged involvement in criminal activities.

During the raid, about five of the suspects attempted to escape arrest by hiding in the ceiling of their apartments but they were fished out and arrested.

Items recovered from the suspects include charms, phones, laptops and five cars-Hyundai Sonata, Toyota Camry 2004 model, Toyota Camry 2007 model, Toyota Camry 1999 model and Honda Pilot.

The suspects would soon be charged to court.

Press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-18-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-lagos](#)

27 SEP 2019

Six Facebook Hackers Jailed in Calabar

Justice Simon Amobeda of the Federal High Court sitting in Calabar, Cross Rivers State, on Thursday, September 26, 2019, convicted and sentenced 6 Facebook Hackers to one year imprisonment each, with an option of fine of Five hundred thousand naira (N500,000.00).

The convicts are; Lawrence Nnamdi-Mba Ebesike, Prince E. Udeh, Chijioke Victor, Promise Odimba, Ugbor Ifeanyi and Prince Anthony.

They were arraigned on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 on separate one-count charge, bordering on impersonation and fraud, before the same court and they all pleaded "guilty".

In view of their pleas, the prosecution counsel, Usman Shehu, informed the court of the plea bargain agreements entered and executed by the prosecution and the defence.

The matter was thereafter adjourned to September 26, 2019, for conviction and sentence while the convicts were remanded in Afokang prison, Calabar.

Delivering judgement on Thursday, Justice Amobeda convicted all the defendants and sentenced each to one year imprisonment, with the option of N500,000 fine. He ordered that the convict "shall

forfeit all the items recovered during arrest."

The items are; 6 laptops, 12 sophisticated mobile phones, 1 International Passport, 4 Airtel Sim Packs, 3 MTN Sim Packs, 2 Glo Sim Packs, 1 Smile Router and 2 Modems.

The convicts ran into troubles on September 2, 2019, when operatives of Uyo Zonal Office of the EFCC arrested them in a two bedroom apartment, located on 54 Church Road, off Calabar Itu Express Way, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, following an intelligence report on their nefarious activities in the town.

During interrogation, the suspects said the apartment which served as their home and office, was rented by the kingpin, Ebesike, for the purpose of training facebook hackers.

Confessing to the crime, Ebesike who claimed to be a musician with the stage name 'Lawre Blue', gave a detailed account of how they carried out their operations on Facebook.

"I am into internet fraud. Part of how I operate is, I edit Facebook accounts, go to google and search for pictures of United State military personnel. I download some of these pictures and put them on the newly created facebook accounts. After doing that, I target foreigners, mostly old white women who are in need of men. I stay online all day trying to befriend them. After convincing them, I will make them apply for my leave so that I can see them", Ebesike confessed.

One of the charges reads, "That you Ebesike Lawrence Nnamdi 'm' on or about the 11th day of July, 2019 in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate one Cheng Chin Kiu, a purported United Nations Army to one Chunn Kang who resides in United States with intent to obtain money from the said Chunn Kang, a pretext you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (ii) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition and Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act."

Another charge reads, "That you Enyinnaya Prince Udeh (Alias Palacio Olivia) 'm' on or about the 30th day of August, 2019 in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate one Palacio Olivia with intent to obtain money, property or any advantage from unsuspecting victims, the pretence you knew to be false 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) (b) (iv) of the same Act."

[six-facebook-hackers-jailed-in-calabar](#)

27 SEP 2019

EFCC Nabs 28 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Enugu

The Enugu Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in its resolve to completely wipe out the menace of internet and cyber crimes popularly known as 'Yahoo Yahoo' in the South East on Thursday September, 2019 raided two residential buildings at Maryland, Enugu where twenty Eight (28) suspected fraudsters were arrested.

The arrests were made following intelligence obtained by the Commission regarding activities of some of the suspects alleged to have defrauded many unsuspecting victims (within and outside the country) of huge sums of money through their nefarious operations.

In the course of executing search at the residences of the suspects, many of them attempted destroying some phones found on them with a female suspect, caught trying to flush a broken Iphone down the toilet, which was however recovered.

Some incriminating items recovered from the suspects include; four (4) Apple Macbook, two (2) Iphone Xmax, other Iphones and HP laptop computers. Other items include two (2) Toyota Camry, four (4) Toyota Corolla, one (1) Mercedes Benz GL450 cars and several mobile phones.

The suspects who have volunteered their statements, will be charged to court as soon investigations are concluded.

Press release has several photos:

[efcc-nabs-28-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-enugu](#)

26 SEP 2019

EFCC Seals Hotel, Three Houses Owned By Two Suspected Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office has identified four properties for investigation as alleged proceeds of crime from two suspected fraudsters, Godspower Eleadi and

Ohwerhi Ahmed, who are 'pickers' as they specialise in receiving money on behalf of internet fraudsters.

The properties are a hotel, 2 completed houses and a building under construction. The Commission also recovered four exotic cars from Eleadi and his accomplice, Ahmed who is currently on the run.

Eleadi was arrested in his hideout in Sapele by operatives of the Commission.

Eleadi modus operandi is to send his account details to would be victims of internet fraudsters to transfer their funds. Sometimes, he also solicit for buyers of foreign currency whose account he forward to would be victims of internet fraudsters. Once the victim transfers the money to them, he receives the naira equivalent from them, take his percentage and forward the balance to the internet fraudsters.

The suspect who has made useful statement, will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed.

Press release includes photos:

[efcc-seals-hotel-three-houses-owned-by-two-suspected-fraudsters](#)

419 Coalition Comment: We'd like to see Lots more of these large 419er asset seizures, followed by sale and liquidation of the assets, and repatriation of the proceeds of the liquidation to the victims of the 419er, done efficiently, promptly, and transparently.

26 SEP 2019

Court Jails Internet Fraudster Six Months in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Ilorin Zonal office on Thursday September 26, 2019 secured the conviction of one Stephen Olarewaju Odanye for offences bordering on attempt to obtain by false pretence.

The convict pleaded guilty to one count of attempted fraud before a Kwara state High Court in Ilorin.

The charge reads, "That you, Stephen Olarewaju Odanye (a.k.a Raymond Sullivan) sometime in September 2019 or thereabout at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court attempted to commit an offence of cheating by pretending and presenting yourself to one Lynn Smith, to be a white man, supplier of engineering and construction equipment, living in Washington as contained in your email gmail account: raysullivan@yahoo.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 95 and 321 of the Penal Code law and punishable under section 322 of the same act".

The Prosecution called one witness, Olamide Sadiq, an operative of the EFCC who narrated to the court, how the defendant was arrested and items recovered from his laptop computer.

In his ruling, the trial Judge held that the prosecution had prove its case beyond reasonable doubt as the evidence of the sole witness was not challenged.

He therefore convicted and sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment without an option of fine.

Justice Abdulgafar further directed that the convict's Laptop and mobile phones be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Press release includes a photo:

[court-jails-internet-fraudster-six-months-in-ilorin](#)

26 SEP 2019

EFCC Arraigns Suspect on FBI Cybercrime List in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ilorin Zonal office on Thursday September 26, 2019 arraigned 36-year-old Joseph Oyediran, one of the cybercrime suspects wanted by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on a five count charge bordering on internet fraud and other fraud and obtaining money under false pretence.

Count two of the charge reads, "That you, Joseph Oyediran (Joe MG, Morris Graves), sometime in May 2015, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, with intent to defraud obtained the sum of N1,421,968.00 (One million, four hundred and twenty one thousand, nine hundred and sixty eight naira) from one Andrea Smith a white American woman on the false pretence that you were Joe MG, a white American man in love with her, a representation you knew to be false and punishable under section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act No.14 of 2006".

Oyediran however pleaded not guilty to all the charges levelled against him by the anti graft agency.

In view of the defendant's plea of not guilty, prosecuting counsel, Sessan Ola asked for a trial date

to enable the prosecution prove its case. "We also pray your Lordship to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the hearing and determination of this matter", he stated.

Ruling on the submission, Justice Abdulgafar ordered that the defendant be remanded in Mandala Prison and adjourned the case to October 9, 2019 for commencement of trial.

Press release includes photo:

[efcc-arraigns-suspect-on-fbi-cybercrime-list-in-ilorin](#)

24 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests Four Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja

In its unrelenting war against internet fraud, operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC from the Cyber Crime Section of the Abuja Zonal Office on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 raided the residence of suspected Internet fraudsters, better known as Yahoo-Yahoo Boys and arrested four suspects at Plot 1202 News Engineering Estate, Dawaki, Abuja.

The raid followed intelligence gathering and covert surveillance.

The arrested suspects are: Osasu Fred Akioyame, Ehis Ehizoghie Egheomwan, Chukwuemeka Chanimuya and Oris Karim.

Items recovered from them includes mobile phones, laptop computers, and a Mercedes Benz C350. They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

Press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-four-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja](#)

25 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 6 for Alleged Internet Fraud Offences

In its determined war against internet fraud, operatives of the Kano Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Sunday September 22, 2019 raided the residence of suspected fraudsters at No. 282 HC Hotoro North Quarters, Kano and arrested six of them.

The operation followed covert intelligence gathering and surveillance on the suspects.

Those arrested are Bala Balarabe, Abdullahi Musa, Abdullahi Danladi, Bashir Kassim, Saleh Mustapha and Abubaker Ahmed.

In the course of the arrest eleven mobile phones and a Mercedes C300 were recovered.

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

Press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-6-for-alleged-internet-fraud-offences](#)

23 SEP 2019

Here is an interesting article from BBC News brought to our attention by Ultrascan AGI. It is rather long and has lots of graphics in it, so we've linked it below rather than reproducing it here:

[Letter from Africa: Why Nigeria's internet scammers are 'role models'](#)

20 SEP 2019

FBI: EFCC Docks Man For N22.2m Money Laundering

Press release is too long to be posted here, use the link below.

Press release includes photos:

[fbi-efcc-docks-man-for-n22-2m-money-laundering](#)

19 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 25 LAUTECH Students for Internet Fraud

Operatives of the Advance Fee Fraud Unit of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Abuja Headquarters, have arrested 25 students of the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, LAUTECH, Ogbomosho, Oyo State, for their involvement in various forms of cybercrime including romance scam, love scam, possession of forged documents, and obtaining money by false pretence.

The students, who are aged between 18 and 29 years old, were arrested at their off-campus hostels, following a three-day raid carried out between September 16 and 19, 2019. Operatives acted on intelligence report, which was investigated using sophisticated equipment. The raid also followed months of surveillance and monitoring of their activities.

They include: Pelumi Adigun, 18; Umaru Frederick, 21; Damilola Emmanuel, 22; Tomiwa Oyewole, 29; Adeleke Owolabi, 24; Oladosu Abdullahi, 23; Abdulmusaq Ismail, 25; Isajimi Joshua, 23; Olaniyan Tunde, 22, and Ebosele Francis, 28.

Others are: Oladejo Ibrahim, 26; Oluwadamilare Abimbola, 25; Orimoloye Joshua, 23; Alfred Samuel, 22; Bayewu Ishola, 23; Abiola Gbenga, 25; Alfred Daniel, 20; Agboola Solomon, 21; Arolewola Damilola, 25; Amoo Tunmise, 23; Akeem Taiwo, 25; Segun Ajibola, 25; Hassan Segun, 24; Onicha Joel, 23, and Tafa Bassit, 25.

In the course of executing the search, Ismail, who confessed to being involved in internet fraud, took operatives round hostels, leading to the arrest of many of the culprits. Some of the suspects who jumped over the fence to escape arrest, were nabbed in the process.

Some of the items recovered from them, which are believed to be the proceeds of their illegal activities online, include, a 4matic Benz, a Toyota Camry, a Toyota Corolla, two Macbook computers, two iPads, two iPhones and many other documents, which will be subjected to forensic analysis.

The suspected internet fraudsters, who are currently in the custody of the EFCC will be soon be arraigned in court.

The linked press release contains numerous photos:

[fcc-arrests-25-lautech-students-for-internet-fraud](#)

17 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests Suspected Yahoo Boys

In continuation of its war against internet fraud, officers of the Cyber Crime Section at the Abuja Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Monday September 9, 2019 raided the residences of suspected yahoo-yahoo fraudsters at House 16, Yashin Dogara News Engineering, Dawaki, Abuja.

In the same vein, arrests were carried out on September 13, at Nepa Road, Phase 4 Kubwa and at No 18, Samuel Crescent, Dantata Estate Kubwa, Abuja.

The operations followed covert intelligence gathering and leads from already arrested suspects.

The suspects arrested are Iloh Joseph and Emeka Jonathan.

In the course of the operation, mobile phones, laptop computers, and a Toyota Corolla car were recovered. The suspects will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

The linked press release includes a photo:

[efcc-arrests-suspected-yahoo-boys](#)

17 SEP 2019

Sapele Youths Denounce Cybercrime, Pledges Supports For EFCC

Youths in Sapele and its environs on Tuesday September 17, 2019 staged a peaceful rally in support of the efforts of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, to rid Delta State and the entire country of cybercrimes and other forms of economic and financial crimes.

The youths under the aegis of Save Sapele Group, carried banners and placards bearing various messages

such as "Sapele Say No to Crime, Yahoo Yahoo, Kidnapping and Internet Fraud", "Say No to Corruption", "Protect our Youths, Daughters and Sisters - Say No to Yahoo Yahoo" and "Say No to 419", as they marched through the streets of Sapele. They also wore T-shirts with inscriptions condemning internet fraud popularly known as yahoo yahoo.

The youths said the rally which is coming on the heels of several arrests of cybercrime suspects in the city was to demonstrate their disapproval of the activities of elements that engage in activities such as internet fraud, cybercrimes and kidnapping in Sapele. "We don't want yahoo yahoo. We don't want internet fraud, We say no to 419 and ritual killing", they declared.

Today's rally in support of the Commission is coming few days after some youths in the area staged a protest against a sister agency, claiming that officers of the agency were instigating the frequent EFCC raid of Internet fraudsters in the city [see 14 SEP article posted immediately below].

The linked press release includes a photo:

[sapele-youths-denounce-cybercrime-pledges-supports-for-efcc](#)

419 Coalition Comment: 419 Coalition Salutes the good youth of Sapele and the Save Sapele Group!

14 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 11 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Sapele, Delta State

It was end of the road for 11 suspected internet fraudsters as they were arrested at their hideout in an early morning raid in Sapele, Delta State on Saturday 14, 2019 by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office.

The surprise raid in the wee hours of the day which was based on intelligence took the suspects by surprise and later led to a mild protest by their sympathizers several hours after the EFCC team had left the city.

The suspects arrested are Omomua Victor, Demi Johnson, Agufure Godstime, Agboroko Precious, Anthony Omonomo, Onskharoma Julius and Freeborn Efe. Others are Akama Precious, Tagbajemi Promise George Raphael and Stanley Agabiri

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest include a lap top computer, a Mercedes-Benz car, computers, mobile Phones, flash drives and internet modems.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon investigations are completed.

The lines press release includes photos:

[efcc-arrests-11-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-sapele-delta-state](#)

13 SEP 2019

Eschew Cybercrimes, Magu Charges Youths

[eschew-cybercrimes-magu-charges-youths](#)

12 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 13 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Abuja and Ilorin

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Abuja and Ilorin Zonal Offices, have arrested thirteen suspected internet fraudsters in separate operations. Eight of the suspects were arrested following a raid on their residence located at No. 16 Isaaya Shukari Crescent, Gwarinpa and C15 & A27 City of David Estate, Life Camp, Abuja.

Those arrested are: Chiyiri Izuchi, Nurala Eze Kamchi, Amuka Shadrack, Nwegbediegwu Chekwubechukwu J, Chigbo Eze, Franklin Okafor, Ezeagwu Olisaemeka and Nnamani Chukwudera.

They were arrested on September 9, 2019 following action on intelligence report indicating their involvement in internet fraud.

Some of the items recovered from them, include several mobile phones, laptop computers, several International Passports, a Toyota Corolla, a Toyota Avalon, Lexus 15 250, Mercedes 4matic C350, Mercedes C280, Mercedes GLA 280 and an Acura.

The five other suspects arrested in Ilorin by the Commission's Zonal Office in the Kwara State capital are, Stephen Odanye, Abolarin Kayode, Babatunde Muhammad, Adepoju Tomiwa and Akinbamidele

Femi.

They were arrested in different locations within Ilorin Metropolis following intelligence reports linking them to computer-based fraud. It was discovered that the suspects use their phones and laptop computers to communicate with their victims who are majorly foreigners in order to defraud them of their monies.

Investigation has revealed that the suspects received monies, in several foreign currencies, deposited into their accounts by their victims.

Items recovered from them include, phones, cars and documents containing false information.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

The press release linked here has several photos:

[efcc-arrests-13-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-abuja-and-ilorin](#)

11 SEP 2019

Court Jails Two Internet Fraudsters in Port Harcourt

Justice J.K. Omotosho of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced the duo of Onyeka Ifeanyi Johnson and Andrew Onyebuchi Okwuoha to one year imprisonment each owing to offences bordering on obtaining under false pretences, internet fraud and possession of proceeds of crimes.

The two convicts were both arraigned at the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt on September 9, 2019 by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal office on a one count separate charge. Ifeanyi's offence bordered on obtaining under false pretence 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, while Onyebuchi's offence bordered on retention and possession of proceeds of crime contrary to Section 15 (2) (d) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act.

The one- count charge read:

"That you Onyeka Ifeanyi Johnson a.k.a (Chewning Roger) on or about the 3rd of August, 2018, at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this honorable court with intent to defraud did obtain the sum of (\$900.00) Nine Hundred US Dollars through Western Union, under false pretence from one Kathleen Street, a US national, a pretext you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (1) (a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act, 2006 and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act."

"That you Andrew Onyebuchi Okwuoha on or about the 5th day of April, 2019 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did acquire, retain and took possession or control of the sum of Two Thousand, One Hundred United States Dollars fraudulently transferred from the Bank of America account of one Tina Sakalarkis knowingly or reasonably ought to have known that the said sum forms part of the proceeds of an unlawful act and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 15 (2) (d) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 (as amended) and punishable under Section 15 (3) of the same Act."

The defendants pleaded guilty to the one-count charge when read to them.

In view of their plea, prosecution counsel, M.T. Iko prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendants accordingly. Defense counsels: K.C. Orjiako and Agumagu C. Agumagu did not oppose the prayer of the prosecution counsel.

Justice J.K. Omotosho thereafter convicted and sentenced Ifeanyi to one year imprisonment with an option of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N 500,000.00) commencing from the date of arrest while Onyebuchi was convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment without an option of fine.

The Judge ordered that the monies fraudulently made be restituted to the victims. He also ordered that the Iphone X, HP Pavilion laptop which was recovered at the point of arrest be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Johnson's journey to prison started when operatives of the EFCC raided his apartment at No. 5, Emmanuel Avenue, off Sekibo Road, Odili road, Port Harcourt sometimes in August 2019 after a tip-off. Investigations revealed that the convict is a notorious fraudster who has been defrauding unsuspecting foreigners through online dating scam and business e-mail compromise. As for Okwuoha, his ordeal started when he retained the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred US Dollars (\$2,100.00), fraudulently transferred from the Bank of America's account of one Tina Sakerlarkis, an American into his own account, without any lawful transaction between them.

There are photos in the lined press release:

[court-jails-two-internet-fraudsters-in-port-harcourt](#)

11 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests Two 'Yahoo-Boys' In Ibadan, Recovers Expensive Cars, Phones, Others

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, has arrested two suspected internet fraudsters who specialize in stealing people's identities online to defraud foreign nationals.

The suspects, Akeju, Crown Babatunde (31 years) and Agbanah, Toba (35 years) were arrested at different locations in Ibadan following intelligence gathered on their alleged involvement in internet frauds.

After diligent examination of data and documents retrieved from them, the Commission was able to establish enough ground for prosecuting the suspects for acts contrary to the provisions of Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015, and would be accordingly charged to court soon.

Akeju, for instance, was found mining information from online sites, and was in possession of personal information and addresses of several Americans who have fallen victim to his fraudulent acts at different times.

The suspect usually operated with two email accounts – one personal and one other supposedly official – to penetrate his victims and dispossess them of their hard-earned money.

EFCC's investigations also established Akeju's deployment of fake identity to engage foreigners in romantic affairs with the intention to defraud them.

Findings revealed various lodgements from his foreign victims into his Nigerian bank accounts.

Agbanah's case is not too different. He had admitted in his confessional statement with the Commission to be falsely representing himself as one Chris Dan, a 40-year-old Briton, working with the United Nations. He confessed to have used the white man's picture to lure his victims into romantic relationships and thereafter solicit for money from them allegedly to enable him to pay for his flight ticket to pay them scheduled visits. After much familiarization, he would then device other tricks to swindle them the more.

At the point of their arrest, the EFCC recovered One iPhone xmax and one Toyota Venza from Akeju, while Agbanah was in possession of one Toyota Venza, one Toyota Camry, two Macbook, one Apple Ipad, one iPhone Xmax, one iPhone 5, one Infinix phone, two hard drive, and one HP printer.

A photo accompanies the linked press release:

[efcc-arrests-two-yahoo-boys-in-ibadan-recovers-expensive-cars-phones-others](#)

11 SEP 2019

Court Sentences Two Internet fraudsters to Three Months Jail

Justice N. E Maha of the Federal High Court, Abuja, on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters, Adefemi Dare and Odeyemi Gbenga, to three months imprisonment. The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, arraigned the convicts on separate charges of impersonation, obtaining by tricks and internet fraud.

The convicts were arrested following intelligence report received by the Commission about their illicit activities.

While Dare was arraigned on one-count charge, Gbenga was ducked on three counts bordering on impersonation and attempt to defraud an American national.

After the charges were read to the defendants, they 'pleaded guilty' to the three counts.

The defence counsel informed the Court that they had applied for and obtained a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

He pleaded with the judge to consider and approve the agreement in line with provisions of Part 28, Section 270 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 (ACJA).

Justice Maha, after listening to the arguments of counsel, convicted and sentenced the defendants to three months imprisonment with an option of N300,000,00 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) fine.

The joined press release contains photos:

[court-sentences-two-internet-fraudsters-to-three-months-jail](#)

10 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrest 13 Suspected Yahoo-Yahoo Boys In Enugu

In its avowed war against internet fraud across the south east zone, the Enugu Zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Tuesday September 10, 2019 stormed residences of suspected internet fraudsters in Lomalinda Extension area of Maryland, Enugu where 13 (Thirteen) persons were arrested. They include Frank Ikechukwu, Bright Alozie, Aloysious Ani, Ikenna Kingsley, Prince Ofoeze, David Ugonna, Prinewill Onyia, Chibuike Ebulue, Charles Chinedu, Christopher Patrick, Emeka Joel, Valentino Simon and Joseph Ani.

The operation was a fallout of intelligence regarding the activities of the suspects. They are alleged to have defrauded unsuspecting members of the public including foreigners.

Some of the items recovered from the suspects include several mobile phones, laptop computers, several Identification and ATM cards, a Honda Accord Salon car, three Lexus ES350 cars, a Mercedes Benz C300 and other incriminating items which are being analysed.

The suspects have made useful statements even as further investigations will be undertaken to verify the extent of their involvement.

There are photos with the linked press release:

[efcc-arrest-13-suspected-yahoo-yahoo-boys-in-enugu](#)

5 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 48 Suspects for Various Offences in Benue State

The Makurdi Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) between January and August, 2019 arrested about 48 suspects for various offences in Benue State.

This was disclosed by the Head of the Makurdi zonal office, Johnson Ayo Babalola, at a press briefing in Makurdi on September 5, 2019. He said that between January and now, the zone embarked on intensive investigation that led to the arrest of 48 suspects, with 13 of them at various stages of investigation while 3 have been convicted.

The zone equally engaged in enlightenment, advocacy and sensitization of the public especially the vulnerable group which are the youths.

Babalola also pointed out that the zone was collaborating with agencies such as the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI and INTERPOL in the areas of intelligence gathering to stamp out cybercrime in Nigeria.

According to him, "in this zone, we are monitoring the names on the list of fraudsters that FBI released, a substantial part of which are Nigerians. We are on the lookout for the suspects".

He further pointed out that since the world is now a global village, it is imperative for the Commission to partner with foreign bodies to eliminate or reduce cybercrime to the barest minimum in the country.

Babalola maintained that "internet fraud is a crime that cannot be fought by the Commission alone as it requires a multi-national approach hence the partnership with FBI and other international bodies". He disclosed that the Makurdi Office has started an enlightenment campaign programme to educate the people on the ills of corruption and financial crimes. He said that the Commission cannot do it alone and engages civil society organizations and other stakeholders. These engagements are helping the Commission achieve results and will not stop until corruption and economic crimes are stamped out of Nigeria.

[efcc-arrests-48-suspects-for-various-offences-in-benue-state](#)

5 SEP 2019

'Professor', 11 Others Arraigned for Alleged Fraud ...As Internet Fraudster Bags One Year Jail Term

A sixty-year-old man, Charles Jide-Oni, who claimed to be a professor and lecturer at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Osun State, was arraigned before a Federal High Court sitting in Ikoyi, Lagos State for allegedly obtaining money under false pretence and engaging in advance fee fraud.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, arraigned the 'Professor' and 12 other internet fraud suspects before Justice Nicholas Oweibo, the Federal High Court vacation j

udge for the Southwest zone, on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Jide-Oni's arraignment was sequel to the EFCC's damning findings about the activities of an illegal financial outfit he floated through which he allegedly swindled his victims of several millions of naira.

Some of the victims had earlier written a petition to the Commission which led to the investigations that indicted him in the alleged fraudulent act.

Among other 12 suspects equally arraigned are Olaleye Kolapo, Madukife Ifeanyi Azuka, Fatanmi Yinka Sunday, Adebayo Bolaji Adeyinka, Adeleke Peter and Adebawale Fadairo.

Others are Oyewunmi Toullope Michael, Bello Ayoade Jalal Arikalam, Owolabi Toheeb Toluope, Abdullahi Abdulazez Oluwatobi, Temitope Fatolu and Adesina Adewale.

Fatolu (aka Gold Crumb), however, opted for a plea bargain and pleaded guilty to a one-count amended charge of fraudulent impersonation when he was presented before the court on Wednesday.

He was subsequently sentenced to one year imprisonment with effect from June 20, 2019 when he was arrested.

'Gold Crumb' was also to restitute the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred United States Dollars), through the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to his victim, and to equally forfeit his iPhone 6, Nokia 103 and Hp Laptop to the Federal government of Nigeria, being part of the benefit he derived from his fraudulent act.

Due to the bail application filed and argued by his lawyer on his behalf, Justice Oweibo granted Jide-Oni bail to the tune of N10 million and two sureties in like sum. The sureties, the court held, must be of Grade Level 10 in the civil service and must be resident in Osogbo, the Osun State capital.

The judge also ordered that the accused person be remanded in Ilesha prison pending the time he is able to fulfill his bail conditions as he adjourned substantive hearing to October 14.

Unlike Fatolu, other 11 suspects, who were charged with sundry internet-related offences including obtaining money by false pretence, impersonation, being in possession of forged and fraudulent documents to defraud people, pleaded not guilty to the respective charges preferred against them.

Consequent upon their not-guilty plea, EFCC counsel, Dr. Ben Ubi, craved the court for order to remand them in prison and fix dates for the hearing of their cases. The court granted their prayer, and also fixed different dates for the hearings.

He fixed October 7 for the hearing of Fatami's, Adeleke's, and Fadairo's cases as he ordered that they are remanded in the Ilesha prison.

Olaleye and Azkuka are to be remanded in Ado-Ekiti prison till October 9 when their cases will be opened for hearing.

For Abdullahi, Oyewunmi and Bello, the hearings would hold on October 14. They are ordered to take shelter in Ilesha prison till then. The judge equally fixed October 15 and 21 for hearing of Adesina's and Owolabi's respective cases while both will be housed in Ilesha prison pending the adjourned date.

Adebayo was, however, returned to the EFCC's custody.

7 photos in this link:

[professor-11-others-arraigned-for-alleged-fraud-as-internet-fraudster-bags-one-year-jail-term](#)

4 SEP 2019

Forty eight Internet fraud suspects are currently being prosecuted in court by the Kaduna office of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC . Mailafia Yakubu, Zonal head of the EFCC in Kaduna made the disclose today, 4 September, 2019 at a media briefing where he updated the public on activities of the Commission in the zone.

He said that the Kaduna office, from January to date, received 345 petitions and investigated 286 cases. He added that 52 of the cases had been forwarded to legal department for advice while 56 cases involving 48 suspected internet fraudsters are already before the court, while 23 persons were convicted.

The briefing which is coming on the heels of the recent arrest of some Nigerians by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, in the United States also offered the zonal head the opportunity to restate the Commission's determination to comprehensively tackle all cases of computer-based fraud in the country. He said the EFCC has a long history of collaboration with the FBI, noting that a number of investigations based on this synergy are currently ongoing.

Yakubu, who spoke on behalf of the Chairman of the Commission, Ibrahim Magu, lamented the negative effect of cybercrime on the country's image and called on citizens to be vigilant in order not to fall victim of the crime.

While thanking Nigerians for their immense contributions to the fight against corruption, the Zonal head advised parents to monitor the lifestyle of their wards as youth are mostly targeted for recruitment into cybercrime cells by organized criminal groups.

[48-internet-fraudsters-under-prosecution-in-kaduna-efcc](#)

4 SEP 2019

Cybercrime, a Threat to Nigeria's Future- Magu

The phenomenon of Yahoo-Yahoo which is a variant of cyber crime represent a dent on the image of Nigeria and requires concerted efforts by all to stem the ugly trend.

The acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, disclosed this at a press conference in Enugu, where he highlighted milestones of the Commission's fight against cybercrime, and its collaboration with the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation(FBI).

He was represented by Usman Imam, head of Enugu office, who reeled out achievements of the zone to include, securing 66 convictions, recovery of N213, 850,230 (Two Hundred and Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Naira) and \$10,600 (Ten Thousand, Six Hundred United States Dollars), several buildings and vehicles, from January till date.

The EFCC boss further disclosed that the zone has also secured the interim forfeiture order of 47 exotic cars from yahoo-yahoo fraudsters, a 16 block of 96 flats and a bungalow, multi-million naira estate/hotel, 2 schools, 1 shopping plaza, 1 supermarket complex, all allegedly belonging to a former governor of Imo State, Senator Rochas Okorocha and his family members.

Other properties awaiting interim forfeiture, according to Magu, include a twin 3-storey building and a 3-bedroom bungalow and a duplex in Enugu.

"Here in Enugu Zonal Office, our operations against cybercrime which necessitated many raids in Enugu, Anambra and Imo states, usually follows petitions and intelligence reports from individuals, operatives, and in some cases, sister law enforcement agencies."

"For example,one Okpara Promise who was arrested in Owerri, Imo State after discreet surveillance was conducted on him, had his house searched and an incriminating document bearing Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Inheritance, was recovered in his email, tufast40@yahoo.com . The document was forwarded to the office of the Legal Attache, United State Consulate, Victoria Island, Lagos for confirmation from FBI . Thereafter, a response from FBI revealed the said document to be fake, which informed the decision to charge the case to court. The suspect was later convicted", he revealed.

Magu also called on parents, the clergy and traditional rulers to take seriously their responsibilities, inculcating in the youth positive values that Nigerians were known for, and resist the temptation of eulogising criminals whose sources of wealth are unknown..

In his own words: "Certainly, is unacceptable to see parents enjoying ill-gotten wealth of their children who they clearly know have no identifiable means of livelihood. Such also applies to the clergy and traditional rulers who rather than question suspiciously acquired wealth not only attribute it to God, but also bestow chieftancy titles on such individuals."

Magu equally charged the media to go beyond routine news gathering and engage in investigative journalism with a view to exposing criminals in the society.

[cybercrime-a-threat-to-nigeria-s-future-magu](#)

4 SEP 2019

Accounting Undergraduate Bags Jail Term for Internet Fraud

Justice N.E. Maha of the Federal High Court, sitting in Abuja on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, convicted one Ojo Ayomide for internet fraud and sentenced him to three months imprisonment.

Ayomide's road to jail began when the operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,

EFCC investigated his alleged involvement in internet fraud. The 22-year-old accounting undergraduate of the Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, was charged with one-count bordering on cybercrime.

The charge reads: "That you, Ojo Olarewaju Ayomide, sometime in 2019 at Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State impersonates Scot, a Civil Engineer based in Miami, Florida, USA with intent to gain advantage for himself and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrimes Prohibition (Prevention) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22 (2)(b)(iv) of the same law."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge, when it was read to him.

Counsel for the EFCC, Maryam Hayatudeen, thereafter, informed the court of a plea bargain agreement with the defence, and urged the trial court to adopt same.

Defence counsel, Charles Abalaka, raised no objections, and pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

"He will not repeat the offence again, and will not go back to any crime," he assured.

In convicting him, the trial judge gave him an option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira), ordered him to "depose to an affidavit of undertaking to be of good behaviour", and ruled that all items recovered from him, including a Samsung Galaxy S9 should be forfeited to the Federal Government.

[accounting-undergraduate-bags-jail-term-for-internet-fraud](#)

4 SEP 2019

Court Convicts Internet Fraudster

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 secured the conviction of one Forgive Ochuko, for a one-count charge bordering on internet fraud.

Ochuko, who was arraigned before Justice N.E. Maha of a Federal High Court, Abuja, was arrested by operatives of the EFCC, following action on intelligence report indicating his involvement in cybercrime. The surveillance mounted by operatives further confirmed his involvement in internet fraud activities.

Following conclusion of investigations, he was arraigned for defrauding an American, Kaye Wilkins, while posing as one Greg Robert.

The charge against him reads: "That you, Forgive Ochuko (aka Greg Robert), sometime in March 2019 at Sapele, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, fraudulently impersonated a citizen of the United States of America, named Greg Robert on Facebook, with intent to obtain the sum of \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars), from Kaye Wilkins of the United States of America, via Western Union money transfer and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Cybercrime Prohibition (Prevention) Act 2015, and punishable under Section 22(2)(b)(iv) of the same Act."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge after it was read to him in court.

Following his guilty plea, counsel for the EFCC, Dachi Usman, informed the court of a plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and defence, and urged "this honourable court to adopt it".

There was no objection by the defence counsel, David Amana, who confirmed the plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

Justice Maha, convicted him, accordingly and held that: "With all we have heard from both counsel, and the defendant understands the charge read to him, and pleaded guilty to the charge, therefore the two exhibit found on him, iPhone 6S and Infinix phones should be sold and the money shall be returned to the Federal Government's account."

"The convict shall pay the fine of N300,000 to the victim, Kaye Wilkins through the Commission and the Commission shall return the money to the US Embassy or one year imprisonment."

[court-convicts-internet-fraudster](#)

419 Coalition Note: We like it that the Judge ordered the EFCC to repatriate recovered monies to the US Embassy, whom we trust will repatriate those funds to the victims of this 419er.

3 SEP 2019

Cyber Fraud, Threat to E-commerce in Nigeria - Magu

The acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, has said that cyber criminals make the country's cyberspace uncondusive for e-commerce activities.

Magu made the disclosure on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at a media briefing in Uyo, Akwa Ibom state, on the Commission's collaborative efforts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, to fight Internet-based fraud.

The EFCC boss, who was represented by the Uyo Deputy Zonal Head, Alex Ebbah, announced that the Office has made the zone "too hot" for cyber criminals and had recorded 60 arrests and 37 convictions on internet fraud cases, this year. Properties recovered include exotic cars and a 5 bedroom duplex situated in Calabar, Cross River State.

He said the Zone was on full alert to track and arrest any Internet fraud suspect, especially those on the FBI list of wanted cyber fraudsters.

While calling on the media and Nigerians to support the fight against cyber crimes, Magu stressed that it was important to sanitize the cyberspace and make it conducive for e--ommerce activities.

"We therefore, urge the media and Nigerians to continue to lend their voices to the fight against cyber fraud and other variants of financial crime. This is because, if we do not join hands together in this fight, the activities of these cyber fraudsters, will continue to make our cyberspace unsafe for e-commerce activities", he declared.

[cyber-fraud-threat-to-e-commerce-in-nigeria-magu](#)

3 SEP 2019

MAGU SEEKS ENHANCED PUBLIC SUPPORT IN FIGHTING CYBER CRIMES ...

Arrests former London and Japan based cyber crime suspects

Against the backdrop of rising collaboration between the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, FBI, in tackling internet- related offences, the Acting Executive Chairman of the EFCC, Mr. Ibrahim Magu has called for greater public support in tackling the menace of cyber crimes.

This call was made on Tuesday, August 3, 2019 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State at a Press Conference convened to update the Media on the nefarious activities of some suspected internet fraudsters in the Niger Delta region. Magu, who was represented by the Head of the EFCC in Port Harcourt, Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa, stressed that nothing short of public ownership of the fight against corrupt practices can curtail the menace of internet- related offences.

"The rising tempo of internet- related offences and other acts of economic and financial crimes, call for enhanced cooperation of all stakeholders in the anti-corruption fight. .. We have never pretended that the fight can be won by EFCC alone, there is need for public ownership of the fight to ensure that our development as a nation is accelerated", he said.

Bawa said that in the last eight months, 105 arrests were made by the Zonal Office on internet-related offences. He added that the Zone is working on 13 different cases of cyber crimes in collaboration with the FBI. Two of such cases involve the arrest of Ogbonnah Atoukaritou, formerly based in London and Alpha Chidi Egbeoni, formerly based in Japan.

"Generally, the Port Harcourt's Zonal Office is peculiar on the investigation of crude oil theft and illegal dealing in oil- related products. The last eight months have been months of intensive and extensive investigations and prosecution of oil- related and several internet- related in which the Zone has recorded 149 convictions, made N268,934,375.75 , \$2, 012,568.00 and £15,000.00 recoveries and have 162 cases in court", he said.

Bawa also disclosed that the Port Harcourt's Zone secured the final forfeiture of 242 trucks and vehicles to the Federal Government in July, 2019 and was on the verge of securing final forfeiture of another 11 Vessels and Barges. He decried the rampant rate of internet- related offences, saying that they have grave economic, social and negative consequences.

[magu-seeks-enhanced-public-support-in-fighting-cyber-crimes-arrests-former-london-and-japan-based-cyber-crime-suspects](#)

3 SEP 2019

EFCC Abuja Office Recovers N423, 006,987.92; \$39,253; Euro 2,330 Suspect on FBI list awaiting arraignment

The Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has recovered the sum of Four hundred and twenty three million, six thousand nine hundred and eighty seven naira, ninety two kobo (N423, 006,987.92); Thirty nine thousand, two hundred and fifty three US dollars (\$39,253); Two thousand, three hundred and thirty thousand euro (Euro 2330) between January and August 2019.

This was disclosed by the Acting Chairman of the Commission, Ibrahim Mustapha Magu who spoke through the Head of the Abuja Office, Aminu Ado Aliyu, at a press briefing in Abuja today, September 3, 2019.

Aliyu disclosed that the zone was also focusing on cybercrime through intelligence gathering and collaboration with other agencies across the world. "Prior to the release of the FBI list, we had in collaboration with the FBI, cases under investigation of which 2 suspects indicted in the list released by the FBI are in our custody. On the other hand, another suspect on the list is being investigated independently on a different case and his case is pending arraignment".

Two of the suspects, Chika Augustine and Godspower Nwachukwu, were arrested in Abuja and \$35,000 has been recovered from one of them (Chika Augustine).

The Zonal Head disclosed that 33 convictions have been secured from January 2019 till date; 293 arrests have made and over 465 cases are currently under investigation.

He further warned that the modus operandi of these criminals include and not limited to Love scams, Email Phishing, Identity theft and Fraudulent Bitcoin and crypto currency sales.

[efcc-abuja-office-recovers-n423-006-987-92-39-253-2-330-suspect-on-fbi-list-awaiting-arraignment](#)

419 Coalition Note: And how much of the recovered money has been repatriated to the victims of these 419ers? Inquiring minds want to know.

3 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests 6 Suspected Facebook Account Hackers in Uyo

The Uyo Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Monday September 2, 2019, arrested six suspected internet fraudsters, who specialize in hacking into Facebook accounts of unsuspecting victims and defraud persons in the compromised accounts' contact list.

They were arrested in a two-bedroom apartment, located on No. 54 Church Road, Off Calabar Itu Expressway, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, following intelligence report on their nefarious activities.

The all-male suspects are: Lawrence Nnamdi-Mba Ebesike; Prince E. Udeh; Chijioke Victor; Promise Odimba; Ugbor Ifeanyi and Prince Anthony, all within 22 and 29 years age bracket.

During interrogation, the suspects said the apartment which serve as their home and office was rented by their leader, Ebesike. They stated that they have only made about \$4,000,00 (Four thousand United States Dollars) from cyber fraud.

Ebesike who claimed to be a musician with the stage name "Lawre Blue" confessed to the crime and gave a detailed account of how they carry out their operations on Facebook. "I am into internet fraud. Part of how I operate is that I edit Facebook accounts, go to Google and search for pictures of United State military personnel. I download some of these pictures and put them on my fake Facebook accounts. After doing that, I target foreigners, mostly old white women who are in need of men. I stay online all day trying to befriend them. After convincing them, I will make them apply for my leave so that I can see them," Ebesike confessed. He further revealed that the syndicate has a US-based partner, named Benjamin Best, whom he said provides them with the account where their victims make payments into. "After convincing my victims, Benjamin will provide an account for me to give them to pay the money into. He usually takes his commission before sending mine to me," he said.

Ifeanyi, who was caught inside a wardrobe with his laptop is an undergraduate of Abia State University, said he was introduced to Ebesike by Udeh, who is one of the arrested suspects. According to Ifeanyi, "After hacking a Facebook account, I edit it to a white military man's account and start adding many white women and gradually make them fall in love with me."

"After two weeks, I will tell them to apply for a vacation for me so that I can leave the camp and visit them. I also make them send me money. I have hacked one A. Harifat's account and impersonated one T. Jesus," he said. Udeh, Victor, Odimba and Anthony equally gave similar accounts and that they were all trained by Ebesike. Anthony was caught while attempting to hide his laptop in the water cistern of their toilet. Items recovered from them are: six laptops, 12 sophisticated mobile phones, one International Passport, four Airtel Sim packs, three MTN Sim packs, two Glo Sim packs and one Smile router and two internet modems

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

[efcc-arrests-6-suspected-facebook-account-hackers-in-uyo](#)

2 SEP 2019

EFCC Arrests Suspected Internet Fraudster

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested one Darlington John Irmahia, for alleged internet fraud. Darlington, 26, a graduate of Fine and Applied Art, was arrested on Tuesday, August 8, 2019, at a restaurant in Lekki, Lagos.

The EFCC operative in an earlier operation had seized a vehicle allegedly belonging to Darlington who fled the scene, abandoning his vehicle. In an attempt to retrieve the vehicle, through a proxy, luck ran out of him when the operatives denied the proxy access to the car and trailed him to a restaurant where Darlington was arrested.

At the point of arrest, fraudulent documents, and phonographic videos were recovered. The suspect would soon be arraigned in court.

[efcc-arrests-suspected-internet-fraudster](#)

2 SEP 2019

EFCC Benin Zone Arrests 133 Internet Fraud Suspects in 8 Months, One Suspect on FBI Wanted List

[efcc-benin-zone-arrests-133-internet-fraud-suspects-in-8-months-one-suspect-on-fbi-wanted-list](#)

2 SEP 2019

EFCC Kano Office Recovers \$690,400, N550m in 8Months

[efcc-kano-office-recovers-690-400-n550m-in-8months](#)

30 AUG 2019

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

EFCC ARRESTS TWO SUSPECTED FBI- LINKED INTERNET FRAUDSTERS

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office have arrested two suspected internet fraudsters linked to the on- going collaborative investigations between the EFCC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI.

The suspects were separately arrested in Port Harcourt, Rivers State and Owerri, Imo State. One of them, Ogbonnah Atoukaritou, a leader of a loose syndicate of fraudsters allegedly engaged in Business Email Compromise, BEC, was arrested in Port Harcourt while the other suspect, Alpha Chidi Egbeonu, suspected to be involved in defrauding a US- based victim, Goldberg Segalla LLP and other yet to be identified victims, was arrested in Owerri.

Items recovered from the suspects include laptops, android phones, land documents, hard disks, Central Processing Unit, warehouse and a recently built house, now attached by the EFCC.

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

[efcc-arrests-two-suspected-fbi-linked-internet-fraudsters](#)

30 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arrests Notorious Internet Fraudster Wanted by FBI in Ilorin

Joseph Oyediran, one of the internet fraudsters wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI as part of an international crackdown on a syndicate of cyber criminals has been arrested by operatives of the Economic Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Ilorin Zonal Office in Kwara State.

This was disclosed by the Zonal Head of the EFCC in Ilorin, Isyaku Sharu on August 30, 2019 during a press conference to give update on the EFCC/FBI collaboration in the fight against internet fraud

and cyber crime.

He said: "Three weeks ago, the US authority had written to us for assistance in tracking and possible arrest and prosecution of two most wanted FBI suspects in Nigeria."

"Investigation conducted by the EFCC revealed that Joseph had benefited about N60 million from the loot via western union transfers."

He stressed that the acting EFCC Chairman, Ibrahim Magu has expressed resolve to ensure that the anti-graft agency effectively coordinates the Nigerian end of the investigation with the FBI and other partner international law enforcement agencies involved in the worldwide crackdown on internet fraud.

He further noted that within seven months of its operations in Ilorin, the EFCC has revved up efforts to rid the country of cyber crime resulting in the arrest of more than 50 persons involved in internet fraud.

"We have also secured the conviction of 25 of them, recovered exotic cars from them, which were proceeds of their illegal activities," he said, adding that money recovered from them running into millions of naira were forfeited to the Federal Government.

He also revealed that some property linked to some of the cybercrime suspects, were traced to choice areas in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State.

"They include supermarket, plaza, and so on, and the conservative value of the property cannot be less than N800 million to N1 billion," he said.

Sharu said that the nation depends on the vibrancy of the economy, which is a common denominator binding Nigeria together, and business worldwide are being conducted online.

"There is the need for Nigerians to come together with the aim of combating the scourge of internet fraud and cybercrime in order to make the cyber space well-fortified, so that foreign investors can invest to further boost our economy," he said.

[efcc-arrests-notorious-internet-fraudster-wanted-by-fbi-in-ilorin](#)

419 Coalition Note: That recovered money and monies from the sale of the seized assets had BETTER be repatriated to the victims of this 419er. This "forfeited to the Government of Nigeria" stuff is getting pretty old. Recovered monies and assets belong to the Victims, NOT the Government of Nigeria. The Nigerian Government does NOT get to Keep it. For some reason, the Nigerian Government seems to be having a real problem with this concept, and this "forfeited to the Government of Nigeria" crap is getting really, really tiresome - in addition to being possibly illegal, immoral, and Outrageous, from a Victim's point of view. The Government of Nigeria needs to get recovered assets and monies Repatriated to Victims, and to work as hard at that as they do to get arrests, convictions, and recoveries.

29 AUG 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

Cyber Crime Deserves National Attention- Magu

The acting chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu has said that Nigeria must pay greater attention to cyber crime because of its effect on the image and economic health of the nation. The EFCC boss who spoke through DCDS Micheal Wetkas, head of the Gombe office of the Commission at a media briefing cum town hall meeting in Gombe on Thursday August 29, 2019, observed that the involvement of unscrupulous Nigerians in cyber fraud was impacting negatively on the country's image globally and undermining the quest for foreign direct investment.

"Every email sent from Nigeria is being screened before delivery, we are being denied visas to other countries," Wetkas lamented.

He however expressed optimism that the commission's ongoing collaboration with FBI and other international law enforcement agencies will be sustained as a major step towards addressing the menace of computer-based fraud.

Stakeholders in the town hall meeting commended the Commission's intervention, which has helped to reduce the incidences of fraud and malpractices in the implementation of the CBN Anchor Borrowers Scheme. The commission recently arrested a syndicate which specialize in adulterating fertilizer with sand and selling same to innocent farmers as genuine. The Zonal Head assured the gathering that those arrested will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded.

[cyber-crime-deserves-national-attention-magu](#)

29 AUG 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission:

EFCC Arrests Internet Fraud Suspects In Delta

Two suspected Internet fraudsters, Ochuko Okikifo, 24, and Kind ThankGod, 34, were on Wednesday August 28, 2019 arrested in Sapele, Delta State by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office.

The suspects were arrested in an early morning operation at their apartment in Sapele.

Different types of cell phones were recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest.

They have confessed to be involved in romance scam will be charged to court.

[efcc-arrests-internet-fraud-suspects-in-delta](#)

27 AUG 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Internet Fraud: \$314,000, N373m Recovered Through EFCC-FBI Collaboration-Magu

The acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, has disclosed that the collaboration between the Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, has led to the recovery of the sums of \$314,000(Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand US Dollars) and about N373,000,000.00 (Three Hundred and Seventy-three Million Naira) from perpetrators of computer-related fraud.

Magu said while the sum of \$314,000 had been recovered, the sum of N373m had been traced to various commercial banks by the Lagos Zonal office of the Commission.

He also disclosed that the recent joint operations coordinated by the Commission had yielded 28 arrests, adding that 14 suspects had been charged and convicted.

The EFCC Chairman further stated that "nine of the suspects are currently undergoing trial, while five are still under investigations."

"Over 80 cases are still under investigation from the EFCC-FBI joint operations."

Speaking through Mohammed Rabo, Lagos Zonal Head of the EFCC at a media briefing in Lagos on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, Magu added that the Lagos zone of the Commission, prior to the collaborative efforts with the FBI, had independently launched a sustained operation on perpetrators of various computer-related frauds.

He said: "From 2018 to date, the EFCC had launched a sustained operation on perpetrators of various computer-related frauds, which resulted in over 200 arrests, 130 convictions and recovery of a large number of exotic cars and properties suspected to have been acquired through the proceeds of crime."

"We had independently launched intensive investigative actions against the infamous Yahoo yahoo boys culminating in various strategic raids and onslaught on their hideouts."

"Our efforts in this regard have recorded tremendous successes leading to a number of arrests, prosecutions and convictions."

Magu also called on the media to continue to lend its voice to the fight against corruption and economic and financial crimes, saying that "no one has the monopoly of knowledge of how the fight should be fought and won."

"All the critical stakeholders, particularly the media, must continue to collaborate and cooperate with us to make the fight a success."

"I urge you to continue to help us sensitize, mobilize and educate all the critical stakeholders to continue to support the fight against economic and financial crimes. We must collectively strive to achieve the Nigeria of our dream."

"It is very critical for you to understand that you owe the youth that social responsibility of awakening their consciousness to the importance of a noble life devoid of crimes."

He also reiterated that the Commission would leave no stone unturned towards stamping out corruption and economic and financial crimes from our society.

[nternet-fraud-314-000-n373m-recovered-through-efcc-fbi-collaboration-magu](#)

419 Coalition Note: We do hope that these (and ALL) recovered monies are promptly repatriated to the victims of the crimes.

26 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Docks Two For N15.1m Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Monday, August 26, 2019, arraigned the duo of Salisu Dashiru Saliu and Chinedu Israel Ekezie before Justice Hakeem Oshodi of the State High Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a two-count charge bordering on stealing and obtaining money by false pretence to the tune of N15, 184, 000.00K (Fifteen Million, One Hundred and Eighty- Four Thousand Naira Only).

One of the counts reads: "That you, Chinedu Israel Ekezie and Arome (still at large) sometime in 2018 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, dishonestly converted to your own use the sum of N15, 184, 000.00K (Fifteen Million, One Hundred and Eighty Four Thousand Naira Only) property of Mr. Obiora Derrick Igboegwu, the Managing Director of Aggregate Bureau De Change Limited."

Another charge reads: "That you, Alhaji Salisu Saliu, sometime in 2018 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, dishonestly converted to your own use the sum of N1, 518, 400.00 (One Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred Naira Only) of Mr. Obiora Derrick Igboegwu, the Managing Director of Aggregate Bureau De Change Limited."

The first defendant, Saliu, pleaded guilty, while the second defendant, Ekezie, pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to them. The prosecution counsel, Muhammad Kabir Hussain, informed the court that the first defendant had entered into a "plea bargain" with the Commission, adding that he (the defendant) had also restituted the sum of N1, 518, 400.00 to the victim.

Consequently, Hussain reviewed and adopted the fact of the case as the prosecution's argument.

The prosecution counsel also prayed the court to deliver judgment based on the plea bargain agreement.

Counsel to the first defendant, Babafemi Olarewaju, confirmed that his client willingly entered into the plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

He, therefore, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy, adding that his client "is a first time offender who is remorseful of his actions." Counsel to the second defendant, Dipo Odimayo, told the court that he had filed and served an application for bail on behalf of his client on the prosecution. He also urged the court to grant his client bail on the grounds of ill health.

In his response, the prosecution counsel told the court that "the issue of bail is at the discretion of the court. However, the prosecution counsel prayed that stringent conditions be imposed in the circumstance that the second defendant is granted bail."

Justice Oshodi, after listening to all parties, admitted the second defendant to bail in the sum of N500, 000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira), with one surety in like sum.

The surety must be a blood relation to the second defendant and must show evidence of tax payment for the last three years.

The Judge further held that the surety as well as his address must be verified by the court's Registrar.

The second defendant was ordered to be remanded in the EFCC custody pending the perfection of his bail conditions.

The Judge adjourned the case to December 5, 2019 for commencement of trial.

Justice Oshodi also ordered the first defendant to pay a sum of N200, 000 fine within 60 days from the day of judgment; otherwise, he would be imprisoned for one year from the day of default.

The Judge also directed the EFCC to ensure compliance with the judgment within the specified period.

[efcc-docks-two-for-n15-1m-fraud](#)

26 AUG 2019

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

Eschew Internet Fraud, Magu Charges Youths

As part of efforts to catch them young and nip economic and financial crimes in the bud, the acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibrahim Magu on Saturday August 24, 2019 admonished children and youths to shun internet fraud and cybercrimes.

The EFCC boss gave this advise while speaking at a programme organised for children and youths by the Benin Medical Zone of Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, with the theme, "Nigeria Youth; My Life in My Hands".

Magu who was represented by the Head, Benin Zonal Office, Muhtar Bello charged Nigerians youths to embrace excellence and the culture of hardwork. "Success takes discipline and determination. I urge you to eschew any attempt to short cut the process".

He enlightened the youth on the dangers of engaging in cybercrimes and internet fraud and its consequences on the larger society.

Dr. M. B. Asham of NNPC medical said the programme is aimed at encouraging the youth to embrace the right values as they are solely responsible for any choice they make in the tortuous journey of life. "The adolescent lifestyle programme positively focused on emerging contemporary social vices among youths with a view to positively re-orientate and harness their energies for productive social economic endeavour." he said.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4751-eschew-internet-fraud-magu-charges-youths>

23 AUG 2019

From BBC News sent in by Ultrascan AGI:

US names Nigerians in massive fraud investigation

The US authorities have charged 80 people, "most of whom are Nigerian nationals", with participating in a conspiracy to steal millions of dollars, prosecutors say.

They are accused of using business email fraud schemes and romance scams to con victims - many of them elderly.

Police have so far arrested 14 suspects across the US, 11 in Los Angeles alone.

Others are thought to be in Nigeria and authorities there say they will cooperate with US.

Prosecutors say it is one of the "largest cases of its kind in US history".

The FBI investigation is a major step to disrupt criminal networks, US Attorney Nick Hanna said.

"This case is part of our ongoing efforts to protect Americans from fraudulent online schemes and to bring to justice those who prey upon American citizens and businesses," he added.

The FBI started investigating the case in 2016 in a single bank account but it later extended to cover multiple victims in the US and around the world.

All the 80 defendants have been charged with conspiracy to commit fraud, conspiracy to launder money, and aggravated identity theft, the US Attorney's Office in the Central District of California said in a press release.

Many suspects abroad

Two Nigerian nationals, identified as Valentine Iro and Chukwudi Christogunus Igbokwe, who are part of those arrested in the US, have been named as co-conspirators working with others in the US and in Nigeria, to obtain money from victims and then transfer it abroad.

They managed to fraudulently obtain \$6m (£5m) in a conspiracy aimed at stealing \$46m, the US Attorney's Office alleges.

The remaining 66 defendants are believed to be abroad, "with most them located in Nigeria", the authorities say.

Those named should be handed to the US to face a trial, Abike Dabiri-Erewa, who heads the Nigerian government's diaspora commission said in a statement.

"We... ask those accused in Nigeria to voluntarily turn themselves in to American authorities to clear their names, without which the Nigerian government should extradite them if relevant international treaties between the two governments are invoked."

The actions of a few should not tarnish all Nigerians, she added.

Fake US soldier

The suspects used illicit money exchangers to move money to Nigeria, generally avoiding transferring the funds directly through banking institutions, the indictment says.

The authorities have listed a total of 252 charges against the 80 suspects.

One of the victims, a Japanese woman named FK in court papers, was conned out of \$200,000 after being contacted by a fraudster identifying themselves as US Capt Terry Garcia who wanted to smuggle diamonds out of Syria.

She made 35 to 40 payments, receiving as many as 10 to 15 emails a day directing her to send money to accounts in the US, Turkey and the United Kingdom through the captain's many purported associates, the LA Times reports.

Here is the URL of the article for as long as it is good:
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-49446845>

Here is a URL from the US Department of Justice that shows the indictments in this case, for as long as it is good:
<https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/press-release/file/1197341/download>

22 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arrests 10 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Delta State

It was end of the road for 10 suspected internet fraudsters Wednesday August 21, as they were arrested at their hideout in an early morning operation by Operatives of the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in Sapele, Delta State.

The arrest was triggered by intelligence received by the Commission. The suspects are Abuwa Marvis, Ikpa Efe, Abraham Idede, Maye Edefeose, Ovie Akpojevuche and Akpotor Okeoghene. Others are Abuwa Jeffery, Ehirouture Precious, Best Lucky and Lucky Desmond.

Items recovered from them include lap top computers, mobile phones, flash drives, internet modems and charms (voodoo). The Commission also recovered a Toyota Venza from one of the suspect. The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4742-efcc-arrests-10-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-delta-state>

21 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arrests Cyber Criminal, Two Others in Benin

A suspect of cyber fraud, Oseghale Collins, was on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 arrested by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office at his hideout in Benin City, Edo State. Collins who specialises in Business Email Compromise, BEC, was arrested alongside two brothers, Stephen and Fred Emefiele, who are also alleged to be involved in internet fraud.

In his confessional statement, Collins stated that he specialises in BEC and that his modus operandi was to search for email addresses especially official business email addresses, create a phishing link and compromise the process in order to defraud unsuspecting victims.

When operatives arrived their apartment in the Government Reservation Area, GRA, in Benin City, they met what appears to be a workstation of laptops, printer, internet modem, flash drive, with which they operate. A Mercedes Benz ML 350 was also recovered from the suspect.

They will soon be arraigned in court.

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

20 AUG 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags Six Months in Port Harcourt

Justice A. T. Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced Paul Otanor to six months imprisonment for defrauding a foreigner of the sum of \$600 (Six Hundred United States Dollars).

Otanor was arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office on a one-count charge bordering on impersonation contrary to Section 22 (3) (a) of the Cyber Crimes Prohibition Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the same Act.

Otanor's journey to prison started when operatives of the EFCC arrested him sometimes in May 2019 in Warri, Delta State for internet-related offences. Documents containing false pretences were found on him.

He confessed to the crime through his written statements that he was operating different gmail accounts and identities to defraud his unsuspecting victims. Some of the gmail accounts are: paulnewlife217@gmail.com, otanor70@gmail.com and kentymark455@gmail.com. He was thereafter, charged with internet fraud.

The charge reads: "That you, Paul Otanor (a.k.a. Kent Mark) sometimes in May 2019, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court fraudulently impersonated one Kent Mark with intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (3) (a) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Both the counsel for the EFCC, S. Chime and defence counsel, Edo Anabel agreed on the convict's plea of guilty.

Justice Mohammed thereafter, convicted and sentenced him to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira). The trial judge also ordered that the sum of \$600 fraudulently obtained from Brenda Pearson, a foreigner, be returned to her.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4732-internet-fraudster-bags-six-months-in-port-harcourt>

419 Coalition Note: We hope that Ms. Parsons has indeed received the money the Judge ordered be returned to her.

8 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arraigns Suspected Internet Fraudster

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, on Thursday, August 8, 2019 arraigned Nwanedi Ihejiato Chukwuma Godwin before Justice A.T Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on four- count charges bordering on obtaining by false pretence and impersonation contrary to Section 22(2) (b) (ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention e.t.c.) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(2) (b) (IV) of the same Act.

One of the charges read: "That you Nwanedi Ihejiato Chukwuma Godwin (Alias Wilson Adonis) on or about June 2019 and July 2019 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did obtain the sum of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) from one Mary Vawter when you presented yourself as Wilson Adonis a white man which pretext you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1(1)(b) of the Advanced Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section (1)(3) of the same Act".

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the four- count charges when read to him.

In view of his plea, prosecution counsel, K.W. Chukwuma-Eneh prayed the court to fix a date for the commencement of trial. However, counsel to the defendant, E.B Meabe prayed for a short date to file a bail application for the defendant.

Justice Mohammed ordered that the defendant be remanded in prison custody and sent the case-file to the Administrative Judge for re-assignment.

Godwin ran into trouble when operatives of the EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office arrested him at Perryton Hotel, Osubi, Delta State sometimes in July 2019. His arrest followed intelligence linking him with fraudulent online activities.

Investigations showed that he impersonated one Wilson Adonis, an American through his g-mail account to obtain money from unsuspecting ladies. Godwin, through his chat with another foreigner, Mary Vawter, defrauded her to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4714-efcc-arraigns-suspected-internet-fraudster-6>

7 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Nicks Six Yahoo Boys in Uyo

It was time-up for six suspected internet fraudsters, better known as "Yahoo Boys" on Wednesday August 7, 2019, as operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Uyo Zonal Office in an early morning raid, stormed their apartment on No.28b Church Road Uyo, and rounded them up.

The suspects are: Ugochukwu Ndukwu (a 25-years-old disc jockey, DJ); Stanley Ibeh, 27 (who claimed to be an interior decorator); Godwin Akpan and John Larry, aged 26 and 24 respectively, who both said they are students; Godwin Ini Obot, 27 who claimed to be a cinematographer and 24-year-old Victor Ejiogu, who said he was a serving member of National Youth Service Corps, (NYSC).

Even though the suspects claimed to be involved in different legitimate lines of businesses and academic pursuits, forensic analysis of their laptops revealed scam mails and documents that established their involvements in internet fraud.

Upon their arrest, Victor Ejiogu, the 24-year-old NYSC member tried to conceal and destroy what would be incriminating evidences against them by throwing their laptops all the way down from the third floor of the three storey building where they live.

However, the Commission's forensic experts were able to power the laptops and retrieve the scam mails and fraudulent documents, the suspect wanted to destroy.

They are all currently making useful statements to the Commission and will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4711-efcc-nicks-six-yahoo-boys-in-uyo>

7 AUG 2019

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

Court Convicts Two Internet Fraudsters

Justice Taiwo O. Taiwo of the Federal High Abuja has convicted and sentenced two internet fraudsters, Esusu Kelvin and Diamond Julius, to three months imprisonment, each with an option of fine, respectively.

The defendants were arraigned on Tuesday August 9, 2019, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on one count-charge bordering on cheating and impersonation.

The defendants, Kelvin, 18, and Julius, 24, were arraigned and convicted on different count charges contrary to Section 321, 320(a) and Section 95 and 322 of the Panel Code Law of the federation of Nigeria 1990 and punishable under Section 324 of the same Act.

The accused persons pleaded "guilty".

Prosecution counsels, O.O. Adeola, told the court that there was a plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and defence counsel, which he said were duly entered and signed by both parties, and urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants based on the terms of the agreement entered to.

Justice Taiwo sentenced Kelvin to three months imprisonment with an option of N100, 000 (One Hundred

Thousand Naira) as fine and Julius to three months imprisonment with N250,000 (Two Hundred And Fifty Thousand Naira) as an option of fine.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4705-court-convicts-two-internet-fraudsters>

7 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arrests Youth Corps member, NAU Graduate for Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested the duo of Ademola Babajide Adeniyi, a serving youth corps member, and Onabuke Adedokun Kenny, a graduate of the North American University, for alleged Internet fraud

The suspects were arrested on July 30, 2019 at Novojo Estate, Sangotedo Ajah, Lagos, during a raid by operatives of the EFCC.

In his statement to the EFCC, the first suspect, Adeniyi, stated that he collected six iPhone 8 and 4 Apple laptops from his unsuspecting victims, which he sold for over N1m (One Million Naira).

Items found on the suspects at the point of arrest include laptops, scam emails, pictures of some female victims, phones and a 2015 Honda Accord car.

In a related development, operatives of EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, have arrested a suspected member of a syndicate of internet fraudsters, Oriyomi Adeoye, in Lagos.

Adeoye was arrested on July 26, 2019 at Flanky Berry, Novojo Estate, Sangotedo Ajah, Lagos, for his alleged involvement in fraudulent activities and computer-related fraud.

Items found on him include Apple Laptops, scam emails, payment slips, cashier cheques and several fraudulent documents.

The suspects will be charged to court soon.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4699-efcc-arrests-youth-corps-member-nau-graduate-for-internet-fraud>

7 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arrests 29 Suspected Cyber Criminals in Ibadan

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 arrested 29 men suspected to be involved in internet-related fraud.

The suspects were arrested at Akoto Estate, Elebu area in Ibadan during an early morning raid carried out by operatives of the Commission.

Earlier, the team had conducted series of surveillance, working on strings of intelligence gathered on the activities of the suspected 'Yahoo Boys'.

The preliminary investigation was found to be credible, leading to the sting operation.

Among the items recovered from the suspects are eight exotic cars, many costly phones and laptops, as well as documents suspected to be used for their illicit dealings.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4698-efcc-arrests-29-suspected-cyber-criminals-in-ibadan>

5 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arrests 24-year-old Suspected Internet Fraudster... recovers SUV, Apple Laptops, charm

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, has arrested one Victor Idahosa for Internet fraud.

Idahosa, 24, was arrested at Cristolyte Close Diamond Estate, Lekki Ajah Lagos, following intelligence report received by the Commission about his alleged involvement in the criminal activity.

Items found on the suspect, who hails from Edo State, include one SUV, two Apple laptops, scam emails, payments slips, cashier cheques, charms and several fraudulent documents.

He will soon be charged to court

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4684-efcc-arrests-24-year-old-suspected-internet-fraudster-recovers-suv-apple-laptops-charm>

2 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arraigns Suspected Internet Fraudster

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, on Friday, August 2, 2019 arraigned one Wealth Wilson before Justice A.T Mohammed of the Federal High Court, sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on a four-count charge bordering on impersonation and other internet-related offences contrary to Section 22 (3) (a) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the same Act.

One of the charges reads: "That you Wealth Wilson (a.k.a) Carter Berry, Eric Parter Ham) sometime between 2018 and 2019 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, within the jurisdiction of this honorable court did fraudulently impersonate one Carter Dan Baldwin with the intent to gain advantage for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (3) (a) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the same Act."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the four-count charges when read to him.

In view of his plea, prosecution counsel, J.N. Dogoyaro prayed the court to fix a date for the commencement of trial and for the defendant to be remanded in prison custody.

However, counsel to the defendant, J.C. Okere reminded the judge of the defendant's bail application already before the court.

Justice Mohammed consequently granted the defendant bail in the sum of N1,000,000 (One Million Naira) and two reliable sureties in like sum.

One of the sureties must be a senior member of the defendant's family while the other surety must be a civil servant not lower than Grade Level 13.

Wilson ran into trouble when the operatives of the Nigeria Police Force arrested him along Ozuoba by N.T.A Road, Port Harcourt, sometime in June, 2019 on alleged fraudulent activities, ranging from love and internet scams and other related offences. His arraignment followed the Commission's investigations which established prima facie case of fraud against him.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4681-efcc-arraigns-suspected-internet-fraudster-4>

2 AUG 2019

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

Two Bag Jail Terms for Internet Fraud in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Ilorin Zonal Office on August 2, 2019 secured the conviction of Olorunwa Okikiola and Adebisi Toheeb, both students of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin for offences bordering on internet fraud.

The Charge against Olorunwa reads: "That you, Olorunwa Okikiola, sometimes in June 2019 or thereabout at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court attempted to commit an offence by pretending and representing yourself to be a white man in love with a white woman, Pearl Mills as it is contained in your gmail account: Okikiola293@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to

Section 95 and 321 of the same Penal Code law and punishable under Section 322 of the same law."

The charge against Adebisi reads: "That you, Adebisi Toheeb Adedayo, (alias James Read) sometimes in January 2019, at Ilorin within the judicial division of the High Court, did attempt to cheat by personation, when you pretended to be one James Read, a white Caucasian male, with gmail account, James.read086@gmail.com and in a love relationship, 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."

Olorunwa was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment by Justice Sikiru Oyinloye while Adebisi was sentenced to six months imprisonment by Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar, both of the Kwara State High Court, sitting in Ilorin.

They were also ordered to forfeit mobile phones recovered from them to the Federal Government, while authorities at the Madala Prison were ordered to facilitate how Adedayo would write his second semester examination.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4677-two-bag-jail-terms-for-internet-fraud-in-ilorin>

1 AUG 2019

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

EFCC Arraigns Four for Internet Fraud

The Makurdi Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arraigned four suspected internet fraudsters before Honourable Justice N.E Maha, of the Federal High Court Sitting in Abuja, on a different count charges bordering on obtaining by false pretence to the tune of N2, 560,000 (Two Million, Five Hundred And Sixty Thousand Naira) only.

The four suspects are Charles Chijoke Iwu, Quarshie Frederick Nnamdi, Emmanuel Adekole Ogbole and Dare Ademoyegun Samson.

They were arrested in March 2019 in Makurdi, Benue State, during a sting operation following intelligence report on their fraudulent activities.

Investigations revealed that the suspects defrauded one Tonnathiu Arzeta, to the tune of N2, 560,000 (Two Million, Five Hundred And Sixty Thousand Naira) only, by falsely presenting themselves as an American citizen currently working with the US military serving in Kabul Afghanistan.

The suspects were arraigned with different charges for an alleged internet fraud.

After charges were read to them, they all pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges.

Counsel to the prosecution, Y.Y Karfa, in view of the 'no guilty' plea of the defendants, prayed the court for a new trial date and prayed that the defendants be remanded in prison custody.

Justice Maha ordered that the defendant be remanded in Kuje prison and adjourned the matter to August 21, 22 and 26, 2019, for trial.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4675-efcc-arraigns-four-for-internet-fraud>

30 JUL 2019

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

Judge Quashes Plea Bargain, Hands Yahoo Boy Three Years Without Option of Fine

Justice M. B. Idris of Federal Capital Territory Court, Nyanya, Abuja, on July 30, 2019, struck out a plea bargain agreement between a defendant, Favour Ebebeinwe Ogagaoghene and the prosecution, convicting him as an internet fraudster with a three years prison sentence without an option of fine.

Ogagaoghene was prosecuted by the Economic and Financial Crime Commission, EFCC, for defrauding one Patricia Johnson, a United States of America citizen of the sum of \$11,450, (Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty, US Dollars).

He was convicted after he pleaded guilty to one-count charge.

Trouble started for the convict following a petition, dated March 12, 2019 by his US victim, Patricia Johnson, who complained that the convict deceitfully posed in the social media as American Gareth Wilcoxon, and professed love to her and in the process duped her of the sum.

The convict admitted to the crime in the course of investigation, agreeing that he fraudulently obtained the sum of \$11,450, (Eleven Thousand, four hundred and fifty US Dollars) from the victim.

The one-count charge reads: "That you Favour Ebebeinwe Ogagaoghene, sometime in 2017, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, did fraudulently induce one Patricia Johnson, a citizen of the United States of America to deliver the sum of \$11,450 (Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty US Dollars) only, which when converted to naira amounted to N4,007,500 (Four Million, Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Naira) to you which she would not have done but for your deceit by posing as Gareth Wilcoxon, an American via, your e-mail address. You thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320[a] and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code cap 532 laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004."

The prosecution counsel, Ashibi Amedu, represented by Geraldine Ofulue, in view of the defendant's guilty plea, urged the court to convict and sentence him accordingly, in line with a plea bargain he entered with the EFCC.

Counsel to the defendant, A. A. Unuafé, agreed with the prosecution that there was a plea bargain, to which both parties agreed to.

However, Justice Idris refused the plea bargain agreement, stating that he has discretionary powers of the court to deliver the judgement by applying the Cybercrime Laws.

At this point, the defence counsel requested to withdraw the plea bargain agreement as well as the case from Justice Idris' court to another court and judge, but the judge rejected the request and went ahead to deliver his judgement, sentencing the defendant to three years imprisonment without an option fine.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4656-judge-quashes-plea-bargain-hands-yahoo-boy-three-years-without-option-of-fine>

419 Coalition Comment: Kudos to Justice Idris for his firm stance in this matter.

We hope that he will also see to it that the victim, Ms. Johnson, gets her money back from this romance 419er.

30 JUL 2019

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

EFCC Foils Suspect's Attempt to Flush Away Phone, Arrests 15 'Yahoo Boys' in Ibadan

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 botched an attempt by a suspected internet fraudster to flush his phone through a water closet in order to deny access to potentially incriminating data about him.

The 20-year-old suspect, Fisayo Falade, was among the 15 young men arrested in Ibadan on Tuesday for internet-related crimes when the Commission's operatives conducted a raid on two locations in the ancient city.

Ten of the suspects were arrested at Akatanpa Powerline, while the other five were nabbed at Kushenla area of the Oyo State capital.

Ranging between the ages of 20 and 28 years, the suspects were allegedly hiding behind fake names and identities to perpetrate fraud, dispossessing their unsuspecting victims of their hard-earned money.

Their alleged involvement in internet-related frauds were reported to the Commission by members of their neighbourhood who noticed their expensive ways of life even though they are supposedly undergraduates, and without any known source of income.

Items recovered from them include two exotic cars, laptops, mobile phones and several documents containing false pretences.

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

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4654-efcc-foils-suspect-s-attempt-to-flush-away-phone-arrests-15-yahoo-boys-in-ibadan>

29 JUL 2019

The Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) posted this on 29 JUL 2019:

Romance Scam: Two Bag Jail Terms in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ilorin Zonal Office on July 26, 2019 secured the conviction of Samuel Magaaji and Balogun Olasunkanmi charged for offences bordering on internet fraud.

They were arraigned before Justice Mahmood Abdulgafar of a Kwara State High Court, sitting in Ilorin, on separate one-count charge.

The charge against Samuel reads: "That you, Samuel Emmanuel Magaaji (aka Lillian Nora) sometimes in May 2019 at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the High Court, while acting as Lillian Nora a white Caucasian lady, with gmail account lolliannora98@gmail.com did attempt to cheat by fraudulently inducing one Mike Dewey in delivering to you the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) under the guise of being in a romantic relationship with him and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under section 322 of the Penal Code."

The charge against Balogun reads: "That you, Balogun Ibrahim Olasunkanmi (alias Brenda Jones) sometimes in July 2019 at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the High Court, while acting as Brenda Jones, a white Caucasian lady, with gmail account jbrenda1012@gmail.com did attempt to cheat by fraudulently inducing one Dele Ferguson in delivering to you the sum of \$250 (Two Hundred and Fifty US Dollars) under the guise of being in a relationship with him and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code."

They pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

Subsequently, Justice Abdulgafar convicted them and sentenced them to six months in prison to take effect from July 15, 2019 without an option of fine. They were also ordered to forfeit all the phones and items recovered from them to the Federal Government.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4651-romance-scam-two-bag-jail-terms-in-ilorin>

25 JUL 2019

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

Five Plead Guilty to Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on July 25, 2019 arraigned five internet fraudsters before Justice N.E. Maha of the Federal High Court, Abuja.

They include, Efe Obed, Igwe Ajoku, Ifeanyi Godwin, Solomon Chimaobi and Egekone Emeka.

They were charged with different counts bordering on cheating and impersonation, offences contrary to Section 22(2)(b)(ii) of the Penal Code, Law of the Federation of Nigeria 1990 and punishable under the same Act.

Based on the weight of evidence gathered against them, they all opted to enter a plea bargain with the prosecution.

Subsequently, they pleaded "guilty" to the charges filed against them.

The prosecution further confirmed to the court the plea bargain agreement with the defence, which was duly signed by both parties, and urged the court to convict and sentence them based on the terms of the agreement entered.

Justice Maha, however, asked the counsel to bring the receipt of the transaction and other necessary document for proper record keeping.

Counsel for the EFCC, Maryam Ahmed, also applied for a date to review the facts of the cases as requested by the judge.

The trial judge, thereafter, adjourned to August 2, 5, and 6, 2019 and ordered that Godwin, Egekone, and Obed should be remanded in prison, while Ajoku and Chimaobi should be remanded in EFCC custody.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4641-five-plead-guilty-to-internet-fraud>

25 JUL 2019

From the Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Judge Quashes Plea Bargain, Hands Yahoo Boy Three Years Without Option of Fine

Justice Muawiyah Idris of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT High Court, sitting in Nyanya on Thursday, July 25, 2019 sentenced four internet fraudsters popularly known as yahoo-yahoo boys to different jail terms.

Those sentenced include, Chinaka Chijoke, a serving member of the National Youth Service Corps, Okafor Divine, Kelvin John and Tunde Azeez.

They had pleaded "guilty" on July 22, 2019 to separate charges bordering on cheating, impersonation and obtaining by false pretence, which are offences that run contrary to Sections 321, 320(a) and Section 95 and 322 of the Panel Code Law of Northern Nigeria 1990 and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law, and were convicted accordingly.

At the time of arraignment, both the prosecution and defence, informed the court of a plea bargain agreement, which was duly signed by both parties and urged the court to convict and sentence them in line with the agreement.

However, delivering judgement, Justice Idris held that the court was not bound by the plea bargain agreement according to Section 2709(11) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, ACJA 2015 and therefore, sentenced Chinaka to four years in prison, while Okafor, Kelvin and Azeez were sentenced to three years in prison.

They were all ordered to forfeit the car, laptops and mobile phones recovered from them to the relevant authority.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains photos,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4640-four-internet-fraudsters-jailed>

25 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial
Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Two Internet Fraudsters Jailed in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Ilorin Zonal Office on Thursday, July 25, 2019 secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters brought before Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of a Kwara State High Court.

The convicts, Muhammed Faruk and Abolarin Ridwan were arrested by operatives of the Commission on February 11, 2019 at the Irewolede area of Ilorin, following intelligence report.

Based on the weight of evidence gathered against them, they both opted to enter a plea bargain with the prosecution, prompting the amendment of the charge against them.

The charge against Faruk reads: "That you, Muhammed Umar Faruk (alias Morgan Chase, Lina Swagger, Gina Crytal, Jeff Brad, Felicia Gonzales, Chase Big) sometime in February 2019, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this honourable Court did attempt to cheat by impersonation, when you pretended to be one Chase Morgan a white male with gmail account morgachase102@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 amended charge against Gbolahan reads: "That you, Abolarin Ridwan Gbolahan (alias Frank Sinatra) sometime in February 2019 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did attempt to cheat by impersonation, when you pretended to be one Frank Sinatra a white male with gmail account talktosinistra@gmail.com, and hereby committed an offence contrary to Section 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 324 of the same Penal Code."

They each pleaded "guilty" to the charges against them.

Delivering judgment, Justice Oyinloye held that: "This honourable Court agreed with the submission of the prosecution counsel, Sesan Ola, that the anti-graft body has proved the ingredients of attempt to cheat against the defendants."

"This court convicts the defendants as charged and they are sentenced to one year imprisonment from 11th of February 2019 and to also forfeit to the Federal Government their phones."

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4638-two-internet-fraudsters-jailed-in-ilorin>

25 JUL 2019

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

Impersonator Bags Six Months for Internet Fraud

Justice A.T. Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced Gagiyouwe Thankgod to six months imprisonment for internet fraud.

The charge reads: "That you, Gagiyouwe Pal Thankgod (alias Chris Henry) on or about the 11th day of July 2019, in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this honorable Court, fraudulently impersonated one Chris Henry by using his email address cchrishenry560@gmail.com with the intent to obtain money, property or any advantage from one John Smith and other unsuspecting persons, the pretence you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (ii) & (iii) of Cyber Crimes (provision, prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge, and in view of his plea, counsel for the EFCC, Adebayo Soares prayed the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

Justice Mohammed, thereafter, convicted and sentenced him to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) only.

His journey to prison began on July 11, 2019, when he was arrested along Edet Akpan Avenue (Four Lanes) in Uyo by operatives of the Commission, following intelligence report.

At the time of his arrest, a laptop was found on him and a forensic analysis of it led to the retrieval of various scam documents, which the convict admitted to have sent out to mainly female foreign nationals with the aim of fleecing them of their hard-earned money under various disguise.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4637-impersonator-bags-six-months-for-internet-fraud>

24 JUL 2019

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

EFCC Secures Conviction of Internet Fraudster for \$17, 000 Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Wednesday July 24, 2019, secured the conviction of one Asuquo Happiness, for an Internet fraud to the tune \$17, 000 (seventeen Thousand United States Dollars), before Justice N. E Maha, of the Federal High Court, Abuja.

Happiness was arrested in June 2019, at Gwarinpa Estate, a suburb of Abuja, following intelligence report with regards to his fraudulent internet activities.

In his statement, he admitted to have fraudulently obtained the sum of \$17,000, about N6, 012, 000 (Six Million Twelve Thousand Naira) only from one Jean Persall, an American citizen, via internet chatting.

The charge against him reads: "That you, Asuquo Happiness, [A. K. A James Bud], sometime in June 2019, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this Honourable court, fraudulently impersonated one American citizen by the name 'James Bud' on internet and you obtained the sum of \$17,000 (Seventeen Thousand Dollars), from one Jean Persall, an America citizen and you 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][b][iv] of the same Act."

He pleaded 'guilty' to the one count charge preferred against him based on plea bargain agreement reached with the prosecution.

Following his guilty plea, the prosecution counsel, Richard Dauda, urged the court to convict the defendant accordingly.

Defence counsel, Rose Mbata, however, confirmed the plea bargain with the prosecution.

Justice Maha, thereafter, convicted the defendant as charged and fixed August 2, 2019 for sentencing.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo,

for as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4636-efcc-secures-conviction-of-internet-fraudster-for-17-000-fraud>

24 JUL 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial
Crimes Commission (EFCC)

EFCC Arrests Nine Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Edo

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on July 23, 2019 arrested nine suspected internet fraudsters at their various hideouts in Benin City, Edo State.

They were arrested sequel to intelligence gathering, which alleged that they were involved in the fraudulent internet activity known as 'cat-fishing'.

The suspects who are between the ages of 20 and 35 are: Amafin Collins, Edafitite Abel, Usianene Elizojie, Ojiefor Marvelus, Uduehi Osumor, Geigi Emmanuel Ose, Osaro Osakpolor, Francis Omoiegbe and Onuoba Prince Nonso.

Items recovered from them at the point of arrest include luxury cars, laptop computers, mobile phones, flash drives and internet modems.

They have made useful statements and will soon be charged to court.

Meanwhile, head of the Benin Zonal Office, Muhtar Bello has alerted members of the public of the activities of fraudsters who engage in using other people's phone numbers to generate social media account authentication codes in an attempt to defraud unsuspecting victims.

He therefore warned that members of the public should at all time, pay attention to the where about of their phones or be circumspect who they give their phones to make calls.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4633-efcc-arrests-nine-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-edo>

23 JUL 2019

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

Romance Scam: EFCC Arraigns Man for Duping Foreigner \$240, 700

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 arraigned Sixty- five year old Igweneme Moses before Justice A. T Mohammed of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on a four-count charge bordering on conspiracy and money laundering contrary to Section 18 and punishable under Section 15(2) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 (As amended).

Specifically, Moses was docked for defrauding a Swiss, the sum of \$240,700 (Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Seven Hundred American Dollars) though several criminal disguises of love and promise of marriage.

One of the count charges read: "That you, Igweneme Moses and Igweneme Nkiruka Blessing (now at large) between the 18th and 24th May, 2018 directly took possession of the sum of \$38,000 (Thirty Eight Thousand US Dollars) which you knew or reasonably ought to have known is the proceeds of an unlawful act, to wit: obtaining money under false pretences from one Chantal Helene Meadery and thereby committed an offence contrary and punishable under Section 15(2) of the Money Laundering(Prohibition) Act, 2011(as amended)".

He pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to him.

In view of his plea, Prosecuting Counsel, A. Osu, prayed the court to fix a date for commencement of trial. However, Counsel to the defendant, C.V Oforleta made an oral application for bail of his client to enable him prepare for his defence. The application was, however, turned down by the judge who ordered him to place a formal application for bail before the court.

Justice Mohammed ordered that the defendant's case file be transferred to a vacation judge pending his formal bail application. He also ordered that he should be remanded in prison custody.

Troubles started for Moses when the EFCC was petitioned by the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice on behalf of Switzerland Government, concerning Chantai Helene Maedery, a Swiss that was defrauded by a two- man syndicate comprising Moses and his daughter, Igweneme Nkiruka Blessing (now at large) through fraudulent online dating schemes.

The petitioner alleged that the defendant 'was involved in the act of fraud for commercial gain (Romance Scam) while pretending to be someone else through a dating app "Bumble.com" as of 19th February, 2018 and promised

to marry Chantai Maedery with the hope of building a future together in Switzerland".

The petitioner also alleged that Moses and daughter feigned several different emergency situations and various other problems that ensnared Maedery into making a total of sixteen (16) different money transfers amounting to Two Hundred and Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$240,700).

Investigations showed that the syndicate had also defrauded other foreigners through their fraudulent dating schemes.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4631-romance-scam-efcc-arraigns-man-for-duping-foreigner-240-700>

23 JUL 2019

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

EFCC Secures Conviction of Four Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, secured the conviction of four internet fraudsters: Tosan Ogbe, Onajite Tosan Ejivwo, Abdulmumin Saidu and Karo Ijire before Justice Muawiyah Baba Idris of Federal Capital Territory, (FCT) High Court, Nyanya, Abuja.

Ogbe, Ejivwo and Saidu were prosecuted on a one-count charge, bordering on fraudulent inducement, contrary to Section 320(b) and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code Law of the Federation, 1990.

They all pleaded guilty to their separate one charge. Following their plea, the prosecution team led by H.M Muhammad informed the court that both the prosecution and the two defence counsels that consist Adaje Abel and David Agbane have entered into a plea bargain agreement and urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants base on the terms of the agreement.

The two defence counsels, however, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

They separately told the court that the three defendants were remorseful and have regretted their actions, adding that they were first time offenders who should be given a second chance to turn a new leaf.

Justice Idris convicted the defendants, pursuant to the plea bargain agreement and ordered that they be remanded in prison custody pending sentencing on July 30 adjourned date.

Ijire was, however, convicted on a different matter. He faced a three-count charge, bordering on fraudulent inducement, cheating and impersonation, which are contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code Law, Cap 532, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and punishable under Section 322 of the same Law.

One of the charges reads, "That you Karo Ijire sometime in 2019 in Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, fraudulently induced one Clarisa Hosino, a citizen of the United States of America to deliver the sum of \$1000 (One thousand United States Dollars) via Western Union to you and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code Law, Cap 532, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and punishable under Section 322 of the same law."

He pleaded guilty to all the charges.

Following his plea, the prosecution led by J. Saidu and Maryam Ahmed Aminu informed the court of a plea bargain agreement between it and the defence team, and urged the court to convict the defendant in accordance with the agreement.

"We have filed a plea bargain agreement before the court on 23rd July, 2019, signed by both parties. May I humbly adopt this agreement and urge this honourable court to convict and sentence the defendant based on the terms agreed on the plea bargain," Aminu told the court.

The defence counsel, Lady Rose Nmbata, however, prayed the court to temper justice with mercy, noting that the defendant has regretted his action and has promised to be a good citizen, adding that he was a first time offender and have never been convicted of any crime.

Justice Idris convicted Ijire as charged and ordered that he be remanded in prison custody, pending his sentencing on the July 29, 2019 being the next adjourned date.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4628-efcc-secures-conviction-of-four-internet-fraudsters>

22 JUL 2019

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

EFCC Secures Conviction of Nine Yahoo Boys

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on July 22, 2019 secured the conviction of nine internet fraudsters, popularly known as Yahoo Boys before Justice Muawiyah Baba Idris of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT High Court, Nyanya.

The convicts are: Chinaka Chijioke a serving member of National Youth Corps Service, NYSC; Tunde Azeez, Okeke Dinnie, Iboy Kelly, Ejechi Clarence, Ogagaoghene Favour, Elvis Albert, Ojike Peace and Kelvin Audu.

The internet fraudsters were arraigned and convicted on separate and different count charges that included cheating, impersonation and obtaining by false pretence, which are offences that run contrary to Sections 321, 320(a) and Section 95 and 322 of the Panel Code Law of Northern Nigeria 1990 and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law.

The nine accused persons, pleaded guilty to the different charges against them.

Following their plea, the prosecution counsel informed the court that there was a plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and defence teams, duly signed by both parties and therefore urged the court to convict and sentence the defendants according to the terms of the agreement.

Justice Idris likewise convicted the 10 defendants as charged. He adjourned the case to July 25, 29 and 30 2019 for sentencing and ordered that they be remanded in prison custody.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4624-efcc-secures-conviction-of-nine-yahoo-boys>

18 JUL 2019

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

EFCC Arrest Two Internet Fraudsters in Kaduna

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Kaduna Zonal Office has arrested two suspected internet fraudsters in a sting operation.

The suspects are Kolawole Adesina 27 and Ugochukwu Azolibe Daniel 24. They were arrested at Ville Ayan beside Princess Serah Hotel, Keffi, Nasarawa state.

Their arrest was based on intelligence on the alleged suspicious activities.

Items recovered from them include laptops, phones, several sim cards of various mobile telecommunication network, modems, flash drives and several ATMs card.

They will be charge to court soon

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4614-efcc-arrest-two-internet-fraudsters-in-kaduna>

16 JUL 2019

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

Court Jails Four Yahoo Boys in Kaduna

The Kaduna Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday July 16, 2019, secured the conviction of four suspected fraudsters, popularly known as Yahoo Boys before Justice M.T Tukur of the State High Court, sitting in Kaduna, the state capital.

The convicts are: Idris Ibrahim, Martin Anda Adeku, Osahorun Osa and Uyiekpen Gabriel Etiosa who were all convicted on one-count charge each. They were arrested by the EFCC on July 3, 2019 at Barnawa area of Kaduna State.

Idris Ibrahim and Martin Anda Adeku were arraigned for impersonation and cheating two foreigners namely: Vicki Choate and Grifftin James respectively of thousands of dollars, steam power cards and lots more. The convicts made use of phish email addresses and Facebook, where they impersonated American soldiers on peace-keeping mission in Afganistan which is contrary to Section 308 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law 2017 and punishable under Section 309 of the same Law.

Osa Osahoroun and Uyiekpen Gabriel Etiosa were arraigned for attempting to impersonate and cheat

unsuspecting foreign citizens using fraudulent email addresses contrary to Section 57 of the Penal Code Law of Kaduna State 2017 and punishable under Section 309 of the same law.

They all pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

In view of their separate guilty pleas, the EFCC legal team comprising, Sa'ad Hanafi Sa'ad, Jamil Musa, Esmond Kogi Garba, Onyeka Ekweozor, Maryam Lawal PC. Onyenecho informed the court of a plea bargain agreement they entered as defendants with the Commission.

Counsels to the first and second defendants V.C Iroagalachi and counsel to the third and fourth defendants M.A Ahakunna corroborated that a plea bargain agreement has been reached by the prosecution and defence counsels and that the judge should go ahead and convict the accused persons accordingly.

Justice Tukur sentenced Idris Ibrahim and Martins Anda Abeku to five years imprisonment each and option of N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) fine. He ordered that all items recovered from them be forfeited to the federal government and that they must write an undertaking stating that they will henceforth disassociate themselves from fraudulent activities.

Osahoroun Osas was sentenced to two years imprisonment and Uyiakpen Gabriel Etiosa, six months with an option of N100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) fine applicable to both. Also all items recovered from are to be forfeited to the federal government and they are also to write undertaking, declaring that they will not indulge in any fraudulent activity henceforth.

Here is the URL of the press release, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4606-court-jails-four-yahoo-boys-in-kaduna>

17 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Two Internet Fraudsters Bag 12 Months Imprisonment

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on Wednesday July 17, 2019 secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters before Justice J. K. Omotosho of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The convicts are Obanore Edson Ehimen and Paul Odion Oghiator. they were arraigned on a One count charge respectively for offences bordering on obtaining by false pretence and impersonation. Specifically, Oghiator on Facebook impersonated the identity of James Minh, an American and subsequently sent documents to unsuspecting ladies with intent to defraud them.

The charge against Ogiator reads: "That you Paul Odion Oghiator (Alias James Minh) sometimes between 2018 and June 2019 in Warri, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did fraudulently impersonate in your FaceBook account the identity of one James Minh, an American and sends documents to unsuspecting ladies through the internet with documents you claim emanated from the said James Minh with the internet to obtain money from the ladies and you 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)(b)(iv) of the same Act".

When the charge was read, the defendants pleaded guilty.

In view of their plea, prosecution counsel, Fredrick Dibang told the court to convict and sentence the defendants in accordance with the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and defence counsel.

Justice Omotosho consequently sentenced the defendants to 12 months imprisonment each. The court also ruled that Ehimen forfeits the sum of N620,000 (Six hundred and Twenty thousand naira) in his GT Bank account to the Federal government of Nigeria while Oghiator was fined the sum of Two hundred thousand naira.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4605-two-internet-fraudsters-bag-12-months-imprisonment>

15 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Insurance Graduate Jailed for Online Fraud

A graduate of Insurance from the Polytechnic, Ibadan, Oyo State, Olabode Oyaremi, was on Monday, July 15, 2019 convicted of criminal impersonation and sentenced to four months in prison.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, arraigned him before Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court, Ibadan Judicial Division.

The 24-year-old was arrested on March 23, 2019 at Kolapo Ishola Estate, Akobo area in Ibadan by operatives of the Commission for internet-related offences. He was subsequently brought before Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court, Ibadan Judicial Division.

He fraudulently represented himself as one Angelina Kimberly, an American nurse, via an e-mail angelinakimberly126@gmail.com to perpetrate online fraud.

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

Based on evidence gathered against him by investigators, he entered into a plea bargain agreement with the EFCC, and pleaded "guilty" to the one-count charge.

Due to the guilty plea, counsel for the EFCC, Sanusi Galadanchi, prayed the court to convict him in accordance with the plea bargain agreement.

The presiding judge upheld the prayer and pronounced him guilty as charged and sentenced him to four months in prison.

The court also ordered Oyaremi to restitute the sum of \$3,600 (Three Thousand, Six Hundred United States Dollars) to his victim, through the Federal Government of Nigeria.

He will equally forfeit his Apple laptop, Toshiba laptop, one Samsung Galaxy Luna Pro, one iPhone, one Nokia phone, one Apple watch, and one Smile 4G internet modem to the Federal Government of Nigeria, being items he bought with the proceeds of his fraudulent Act.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4599-insurance-graduate-jailed-for-online-fraud>

419 Coalition Note: What's with this "Forfeit [items bought with stolen money] to the Government of Nigeria" in this and other cases? Those assets should not go to the Government of Nigeria, if that is what is happening. They should be sold and/or given to the Victims of the Crimes! When the G catches a bank robber with the money, does it get to Keep it? Hell, no! The G has to give it back to the Bank. Same principle applies here.... that's our view.

15 JUL 2019

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

Court Jails 10 Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction and sentencing of seven internet fraudsters, Wusu Damilare, Salako Oluwasegun Daniel, Odunola Jason, Brian Emeka Ebong, Arinze Princewill, Babajide Mudashiru and Adeshina Afeez Kolawole to one year imprisonment each before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

The convicts were arraigned by the EFCC for possession of fraudulent documents.

Some of the charges read: 'That you, Wusu Damilare, sometime in 2019 in Lagos, within the Ikeja Judicial Division, with intent to defraud, had in your possession to wit: pseudo email account, document titled 'wusubaba@yahoo.com' and 'oluwadamilarewusu@gmail.com', which document you knew contained false pretence."

"That you, Salako Oluwasegun Daniel, sometime in 2019, in Lagos within the Ikeja Judicial Division, with intent to defraud, had in your possession a fraudulent document, which document you knew contained false pretence."

Similarly, Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos has convicted and sentenced the trio of Balogun Sultan, Olalekan Savage and Daniel Ezo to various jail terms for possession of fraudulent documents.

The convicts were arraigned separately by the EFCC for their involvements in internet frauds.

In view of their guilty pleas, the prosecution informed the Justice Mojisola Dada's court that the defendants had entered into a "plea bargain" with the Commission, adding that they also made confessional statements.

The prosecution, while reviewing the facts of the cases, told the court that the defendants were arrested, following intelligence reports received about their involvements in internet frauds.

The prosecution further stated that some false documents, two cars, iPhones, laptops and some amounts of money were recovered from the defendants.

The court admitted in evidence the defendants' confessional statements, the false documents as well as the funds recovered from the defendants.

Consequently, the prosecution urged the court to convict the defendants.

Justice Dada, after listening to the prayers of both parties, convicted and sentenced the fraudsters to one year imprisonment each.

The Judge further held that the sentencing must commence from the "day of judgment".

Justice Dada also ordered that items recovered from the convicts be forfeited to Federal Government.

The Judge, however, gave an 'option of fine' of N250, 000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) to Ebong, Princewill, Mudashiru and Kolawole.

The convicts were ordered to write an "undertaking" with the EFCC, promising that they would never return to the crimes.

One of the charges against Balogun who was brought before Justice Sherifat Solebo reads: "That you, Balogun Sultan, sometime in 2019 in Lagos, within the Ikeja Judicial Division, with intent to defraud, had in your possession a fraudulent document, which document you knew contained false pretence."

For Olalekan, the charge reads: "That you, Olalekan Savage sometime in 2019, in Lagos within the Ikeja Judicial Division, with intent to defraud, had in your possession a fraudulent document, which document you knew contained false pretence."

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

In view of their pleas, the prosecution informed the court that the defendants had entered into a "plea bargain" with the EFCC.

The court admitted in evidence the defendants' confessional statements and some false documents tendered by the prosecution.

The prosecution also urged the court to convict the fraudsters according to the "plea bargain" agreement.

Delivering her judgment, Justice Solebo convicted and sentenced Sultan to seven months imprisonment. The Judge also sentenced Savage to one year imprisonment.

The third defendant, Ezo, was convicted and sentenced to eight months imprisonment.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains several photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4598-court-jails-10-internet-fraudsters>

419 Coalition Comment: What is significantly missing from this press release is any mention of assets recovered and repatriated to the victims of these 419ers' crimes. The Government of Nigeria just doesn't seem to get that neither it nor the 419ers get to keep their stolen assets. The stolen assets belong to the victims. Nobody else. That is the 419 Coalition view in these matters.

12 JUL 2019
From the Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Court Jails Eight Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday, July 11, 2019, secured the conviction and sentencing of four internet fraudsters, Shotayo Ahmed, Ale Olugbenga Abraham, Preye Kinsley and Akintoye Toluwalope for possession of fraudulent documents before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Shotayo Ahmed, on or about the 8th day of December, 2018 at Lagos, within the Ikeja Judicial Division of this Honourable Court, had in your possession an email opened with the name madeleinepalm133@yahoo.com, wherein you chatted with a white man represented yourself to be a lady in order to create a relationship to entice him to give you money which document was printed out from your email account madeleinepalm133@yahoo.com in your presence, which you ought to know, having regards to the circumstances of the case, that the document contains the false pretence."

Also on Thursday, July 11, 2019, Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos, convicted and sentenced four internet fraudsters, Ibrahim Habeeb Olalekan, Ogunlami Adetokunbo Gabriel, Adeosun Adeyemi and Sadiq Adeola, to one year imprisonment each for possession of fraudulent documents.

One of the counts reads: 'That you, Ibrahim Habeeb Olalekan, on or about the 13th day of June, 2019, in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession document titled "persona Info", where you represented yourself as Nancy Crowthorn (a female), which representations you knew or ought to have known to be false.' They pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them by the Commission when they were arraigned.

In view of their pleas of guilt, the prosecution counsels, Samuel Daji, E.S.Okon and Ukemruwem Anana, informed the court that the defendants had entered into a "plea bargain" with the EFCC.

Consequently, the facts of the case against the defendants were reviewed by the prosecution.

The prosecution counsels informed Justice Taiwo's court of the defendants' confessional statements to the EFCC and that several items were recovered from them.

Their statements as well as documents recovered from them were tendered and admitted in evidence by the court.

In view of this, the prosecution urged the court to "convict the defendants as charged in the plea bargain agreement".

Justice Taiwo, after perusing the facts before the court, convicted and sentenced both Ahmed and Abraham to three months imprisonment each.

The Judge also convicted and sentenced Kinsley and Toluwalope to four months imprisonment each.

All items recovered from the defendants were ordered to be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Justice Taiwo further gave Ahmed, Toluwalope and Abraham an "option of fine" of N250, 000.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) each.

The Judge, however, refused Kinsley an option of fine.

The defendants before Justice Dada also pleaded guilty to the charges when they were read to them. In view of their pleas of guilt, the prosecution informed the court that the defendants had entered into a "plea bargain" with the EFCC.

The facts of the case against the defendants were reviewed by the prosecution. The prosecution also told the court that the defendants wrote confessional statements to the EFCC and that several items were recovered from them.

The defendants' statements to the EFCC as well as the documents recovered from them were tendered and admitted in evidence by the court. The prosecution, therefore, urged the court to convict the defendants as charged in the plea bargain agreement".

After going through the facts of the case before the court, Justice Dada convicted and sentenced the defendants to one year imprisonment each.

The Judge also ordered that all items recovered from the convicts be forfeited to the Federal Government. Justice Dada, however, gave the convicts an option of fine of N250, 000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) each.

The Judge further ordered the convicts to write an "undertaking" with the EFCC, promising never to go back to the crime.

The convicts were further ordered to be remanded in prison custody pending the fulfilment of the option of fine.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4595-court-jails-eight-internet-fraudsters>

10 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests 30 Suspected Yahoo Boys in Ado-Ekiti

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 arrested 30 suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects were apprehended at different locations within the city of Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital during an early morning raid carried out by operatives of the anti-graft agency.

The operation was sequel to a deluge of intelligence reports available to the Commission on their alleged fraudulent activities.

According to the reports, many people have fallen victim to the tricks of the suspects, who exploit their dexterity on the use of the internet to allegedly commit crime.

Ranging between the ages of 18 and 27 years, 11 of the suspects claimed to be undergraduates, while others said they are self-employed in various vocations.

Items recovered from them include eight exotic cars, laptops, mobile phones and several documents suspected to contain information used to access their victims.

The suspects are already providing useful information to aid further investigations. They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes several photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4575-efcc-arrests-30-suspected-yahoo-boys-in-ado-ekiti>

10 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests 17 Suspected Internet Fraudsters

Operatives of the Economic And Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, have arrested seventeen (17) suspected internet fraudsters at their hotel hideout in Warri, Delta State. They were arrested on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 in a sting operation.

The suspects are: Jolomi Jemide; Suo Ajorbuku; Wilson Chukwuma; Faith Umukoro; Felix Fimber; Isaac Boro; Emmanuel Etanoma; Aghogho Ovuakporaye; Tokoma Mbabov; Tom Wisdom; Elvis Imannivwie; Chinedu Chukwu; Okojikoko Presley; Nyore Arkoro; Godwin Etanoma; Morris Victor and Elvis Okorare.

Their arrest followed series of intelligence report linking them with alleged fraudulent activities ranging from love scam on numerous dating sites, obtaining money by false pretences and other fraud still being investigated.

Several items were recovered from them at the point of arrest. Some of them are three exotic cars, Lexus ES300, Mercedes Benz C300 and Toyota Camry. Mobile phones of various brands were also recovered from them.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

Here is the URL of the article, which includes photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4574-efcc-arrests-17-suspected-internet-fraudsters>

10 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Three Internet Fraudsters Bag Jail Terms in Ilorin

The Ilorin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of three persons charged before Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of a Kwara State High Court for offences bordering on internet fraud.

The convicts, Apata Oluwakayode, Yusuf Rasheed and Muhammed Ademola pleaded "guilty" to the one-count charge preferred against them by the EFCC.

They had approached the EFCC for a plea bargain agreement, after realizing the weight of evidence gathered against them.

Based on their guilty plea, Justice Oyinloye convicted them accordingly and sentenced them to six months in prison commencing from July 9, 2019.

The Court further ordered them to forfeit items recovered from them including, an HP laptop, and mobile phones, among others. They were also ordered to take an undertaking to be of good behaviour and never to be involved in any form of fraud within and outside the shores of Nigeria.

The convicts are currently serving their jail terms at the Madala Prison in Ilorin.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4568-three-internet-fraudsters-bag-jail-terms-in-ilorin>

9 JUL 2019

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

Five Yahoo Boys Wind up in Prison

The Kaduna Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, secured the conviction of five internet fraudsters better known as Yahoo Boys before Justice Simon Aboki of the Nasarawa State High court, sitting in Lafia, the state capital.

The convicts are: Peter Olu Tsetimi, 32; Edward Yusuf, 26; Adekunle Anderson Ogunbiyi, 24; Isaac Dark Obozokhai, 25; and Samuel Kofi Eruese, 24. Their journey to prison followed intelligence report received by the Kaduna Zonal Office of the EFCC, concerning a fraudsters syndicate, which was holding sway around Mararaba, Nyanya and Karu axis in Nasarawa State and Federal Capital Territory, FCT.

Tsetimi was arraigned on a two-count charge, bordering on cheating by using his Skype account to pose as Gwen Caldwell, an offence which contravenes Section 95 of the Penal Code Laws of Northern Nigeria, 1963. Yusuf faced a one-count charge of cheating and obtaining by false pretence by feigning to be one Ben M. a geologist at Oil-Dril Corporation of America using a false email account, an offence that contravenes Section 95 of the Penal Code of Northern Nigeria, 1963.

Ogunbiyi was arraigned on a one-count charge bordering on cheating by sending scam e-mails using Instagram an offence that is contrary to Section 95 Penal Code Law, Cap 89 Laws of the Northern Nigeria, 1963.

On his part, Obozokhai was arraigned on a one-count charge of cheating by pretending to be one Clark Mullins and sending scam e-mails through which he defrauded one Lynn Dianna Bowel of USD\$5,000, an offence which is contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law, while Eruese was arraigned on a one-count charge of cheating by pretending to be Isaac Lucas and a citizen of Barcelona, Spain residing in Atlanta, Georgia, a false pretence through which he defrauded unsuspecting victims using false e-mail account, an offence that contravenes Section 95 of the Penal Code Law of Northern Nigeria, 1963.

They all pleaded guilty to the charges against them. In view of their separate guilty plea, the prosecution team comprising, S. H. Sa'ad, Jamil Musa, Onyeka Ekweozor, Precious Onyeneho, Maryam Lawal and Matiyak John informed the court of a plea bargain agreement they entered with the EFCC and urged that they be convicted accordingly.

The defence counsel, Sule Akome, however, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy in sentencing his clients.

In his judgement, Justice Aboki convicted and sentenced Isaac Dark Obozokhai to one year imprisonment or an option of N50,000 fine, Peter Olu Tsetimi also got one year imprisonment with an option of N20,000 fine. In the same vein, Adekunle Anderson Ogunbiyi was convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment with N40000 option of fine.

Similarly, Edward Yusuf was also convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment with an option of N40,000 fine, while Samuel Kofi Eruese was equally convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment with N40000 option of fine.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4567-five-yahoo-boys-wind-up-in-prison>

9 JUL 2019

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

Oyo Court Jails '419'

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, has secured the conviction

of one Okoloba Emmanuel for contravening Section 419 of the Criminal Code, Cap 38, Laws of Oyo State, 2000.

Okoloba was on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 sentenced to six months in prison by Justice Mohammed Owolabi of the Oyo State High Court in a one-count charge failed against him by the Commission.

The charge accused Okoloba of obtaining the sum of N350,000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) from one Gerhard Ludi-Kohler through false pretence.

Even though he knew it to be false, he told the victim that the money was meant for an item he purchased.

After an initial arraignment, the defendant sought a window for a plea bargain which led to the lone charge he was charged with on Tuesday.

He pleaded guilty to the charge prompting the prosecution counsel, Oluwatinuwe Daramola, to pray the court to convict him accordingly.

Justice Owolabi thence pronounced him guilty and sentenced him to six months in prison.

The convict had earlier made restitution of N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) only to the victim.

He was also ordered to forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria his iPhone 8 and Macbook laptop which were recovered from him during investigations.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4563-oyo-court-jails-419>

9 JUL 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags Jail Term in Kaduna

The Kaduna Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has secured the conviction of one Emuze Omosigho Emmanuel (aka Thomas Brooks) for offences bordering on cheating.

Justice Darius Khobo of the Kaduna State High Court on July 8, 2019 found him guilty of the one-count charge preferred against him after he pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

His journey to jail began when operatives acted on intelligence report indicating that he engages in fraudulent activities and had defrauded unsuspecting individuals of their hard-earned money.

The charge against him reads: "That you, Emuze Omosigho sometime in 2019 at Kaduna within the jurisdiction of the High Court of Kaduna State, did with intent to defraud attempted to commit an offence to wit: Cheating against one Julia Munoz of Lubbock, Texas, Martha French and Brenda Davis by sending them scam mails using your Instagram, FaceBook and plenty of phishing e-mail addresses posing as one Thomas Brooks, with the aim of obtaining financial benefit for yourself and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 57 of the Kaduna State Penal Code Law, 2017 and punishable under the same Section."

He along side his other conspirators forged and impersonated documents purportedly emanating from different organisations where they claimed to be engineers and members of other reputable occupation.

Following his guilty plea, counsel for the EFCC, S.H Sa'ad, informed the court of the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and the defence.

He was thereafter, sentenced to one year in prison with an option of N100,000 fine.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4555-internet-fraudster-bags-jail-term-in-kaduna>

6 JUL 2019

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

Court Sentences 17 Internet Fraudsters to Jail in Benin

It was again harvest of convictions for the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on July 5, 2019 as 17 internet fraudsters were convicted and sentenced to

various terms of imprisonment by Justice Nnamdi Dimgba of the Federal High Court sitting in Asaba, Delta State.

The fraudsters were arraigned separately on one count each of impersonation and obtaining by false pretence contrary to Section (22)(2)(b)(1)(ii) of the Cyber crime (prohibition prevention etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(b)(IV) of same Act.

The suspects include, Lukman Sarumi, Udaze Sylvester, Bassey Ibrahim, Nelson Aimieyekagbon, Felix Joshua, Udo Omoiyabra, Ikponmwosa Raymond, Endurance Adedugba and Welch Samuel.

Others are Abiodun Sadiq, Patrick Enahoro, Favour Okushi, Joseph Michael, Lawal Opeyemi Muyideen, Oladeji Tobi, Toafeek Dauda and Adepitan Oluwabunmi

The charge against Sarumi reads: "That you Lukman Sarumi (alias Le Xuan Dong) sometimes in February 2019 in Warri, Delta State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court and with intent to obtain property, did obtain the sum of \$1500 (One thousand five United States dollars) from one Xuan Nguyen by fraudulently impersonating one Le Xuan Dong 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."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge when it was read to him. Similar charges were also preferred against the other defendants by the Commission and they all pleaded "guilty".

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

Justice Dimgba, thus, convicted and sentenced Sarumi to one year imprisonment without an option of fine. Same sentence was handed down on Abiodun Sadiq who got one year imprisonment. Both are to forfeit their phones to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

For Oladeji Tobi, he was convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment and a fine of N300, 000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira). However, Justice Dimgba ruled that the vehicle recovered from him be released to the rightful owner, Mrs Folashade Oladeji as there was sufficient evidence that the vehicle belongs to his mother.

In the same vein, Favour Okushi was convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment and a fine of N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira). All items recovered from him are to be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Other defendants, Welch Samuel, Omiyebabia Udo, Adedugba Endurance, Joseph Michael, Enahoro Patrick, Toafeek Duada, Udaze Sylvester Ikponmwosa Raymond, were all convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment and a fine of N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira). They are also to forfeit all assets traced and recovered from them to Federal Government of Nigeria.

Apart from the one year imprisonment and a fine of N200, 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira), Adepitan Oluwabunmi is also to forfeit a Lexus ES330SUV and a laptop to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

However for Felix Joshua, Lawal Opeyemi Muyideen and Nelson Aimieyekagbon, they were convicted and sentenced to seven months imprisonment each while Bassey Ibrahim was sentenced to eight months imprisonment.

All the convicts are also to forfeit their phones and other instruments of fraud recovered from them to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4550-court-sentences-17-internet-fraudsters-to-jail-in-benin>

Here is a link that has photos of the 17 convicted 419ers:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4551-fraudsters-jailed>

419 Coalition Comment: That is a WShoe lot of stuff "Forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria"..... What about the Victims of these 419ers? Anything going to Them?

5 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Internet Fraudster Remanded in Prison Custody

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Friday, July 5, 2019, arraigned one Benjamin Opah before Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting

in Ikeja, Lagos on a seven-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Benjamin Opah (aka General Richard Roland), on or about the 28th day of May, 2019, in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud had in your possession document titled "MY FORMAT," where you represented yourself as General Richard Roland of the American Army, which representations you knew or ought to have known to be false."

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

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Emeka Akaogbu, asked for a trial date and prayed the court to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the determination of the case.

Counsel to the defendant, Eubena Amabo, informed the court that the defendant was willing to enter into a "plea bargain" with the EFCC and that the process had commenced.

The prosecution counsel confirmed the willingness of the defendant to enter into plea bargain with the Commission.

The defence counsel also pleaded with the court to make an oral application for bail on behalf of his client.

However, the court refused and rejected the prayer of the defence to make an oral application for bail for his client.

Justice Solebo adjourned the case to October 17, 2019 for commencement of trial and possible hearing of the plea bargain agreement.

The Judge also ordered the defendant to be remanded in prison custody.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4546-internet-fraudster-remanded-in-prison-custody-3>

5 JUL 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags 10 Months

Justice I.M Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on Thursday, July 4, 2019 convicted and sentenced Louis Idehen Osahumen to 10 months imprisonment for internet-related offences.

Osahumen was arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, on one-count charge bordering on impersonation, contrary to Section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act.

The count charge read: "That you, Louis Idehen Osahumen (A.K.A Cheng Louis), on or about December 2018, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one Cheng Louis, a United States of America Soldier, 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 punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act".

He pleaded 'guilty' to the one- count charge.

In view of his plea, prosecuting counsel, S. Chime, prayed the court to convict and sentence him accordingly. However, defence counsel, D.E Ibama, pleaded with the court for leniency.

Justice Sani convicted and sentenced Osahumen to ten (10) months imprisonment without an option of fine.

Osahumen's journey to prison began when the EFCC received an intelligence report alleging a case of impersonation, possession of scam documents and obtaining money by false pretence against him.

Investigation showed that the convict scammed some Chinese women in 2018 with his Samsung GalaxyJ5 and Airtel Simcard number 09021045826 through Wechat with a username "chenlouis".

The convict confessed impersonating a United States of American soldier whom he regularly used as a decoy to defraud his victims.

Here is the URL of the press release, which cincludes a picture, foe as long as it is good:

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4538-internet-fraudster-bags-10-months>

4 JUL 2019

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

Fraud: Odili, Three Others Bag Jail Terms

The Abuja Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on July 3, 2019 secured the conviction of Odili Peters and three others for offences bordering on romance scam. Others convicted are Shakajede Okiemute, Amorighoye Precious and Prosper Nelson.

They were arraigned before Justice O.A. Musa of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT High Court, Bwari on different charges bordering on romance scam.

Odili was sentenced to six months in prison, with an option of fine of N50,000 after he pleaded "guilty" to the one-count charge bordering on romance scam.

Using a gmail account, he disguised as Samuel Bowen, a male Caucasian and attempted to cheat one Dianne Brown. He pretended to be in a romantic relationship with her to obtain financial gain. The complainant suspected him and reported him to the Commission. This prompted his arrest and prosecution.

Okiemute was charged with a one-count charge for posing as an American citizen, Frank Henry, and in the guise, deceived one Patt Lilian based in Florida, United States, to deliver to him \$50 worth of iTunes, luring her into believing they were in a relationship.

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge and was accordingly convicted by Justice Musa, who sentenced him to one month in prison with a fine of N25,000.

Amorighoye was also charged with a one-count charge for posing as one David Maddison, and in the guise, lured one Lori Simord into a purported romantic relationship. He was also able to induce her to transfer to him \$25 worth of iPhone iTunes card, an offence contrary to Section 320(a) of the Penal Code Act.

He pleaded "guilty" and was accordingly convicted by Justice Musa, who sentenced him to one month in prison and a fine of N25,000.

Nelson, who disguised as Terry Hugh from Florida, and as an independent contractor working in an oil sector, lured one Jacqueline Hart to send him \$250, part of which he used to procure a HP probok laptop, was convicted by Justice Musa and sentenced to one month in prison with an option of fine of N25,000.

He had pleaded "guilty" to the one count preferred against him by the EFCC.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4529-fraud-odili-three-others-bag-jail-terms>

3 JUL 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Remanded in Prison Custody

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, arraigned one Olaide Olubiyo Mudashiru (aka Karen E. Simmons, Michelle Lamal, Virginia Lewis, Catherin Hernandez, Chery Eguizabel and Maria Gonzales) before Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a six -count charge bordering on possession of false documents containing false information.

Count one reads: "That you, Olaide Olubiyo Mudashiru, on or about the 21st day of June, 2018 at Lagos, within the Ikeja Judicial Division of this Honourable Court, had in your possession document titled "US account from Shola", which you sent from your email address: olaide_muda@yahoo.com to debblegold@yahoo.com, wherein you falsely represented yourself as Karen E. Simmons, owner of phone number +18147793519, with address at Market ST And Hatch Run Road, Warren PA. 16365; holder of account number 6351140619 at Bank PNC, and which document you know contained false information."

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

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Spiff Owede, asked the court for a trial date and also prayed that the defendant be remanded in prison custody pending the commencement of trial.

The Judge ordered the defendant to be remanded in prison custody and adjourned to July 9, 2019 for commencement of trial.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4531-internet-fraudster-remanded-in-prison-custody-2>

3 JUL 2014

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

[We have edited out the section of the article related to the oil related
crime, as it is not 419 related]

Meanwhile, another judge in the same court, on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 convicted and sentenced Aretuemhen Frank to one year imprisonment for defrauding an American lady, Thorman Benson the sum of \$12000 (Twelve Thousand American dollars) in series of online dating deals.

Frank was arraigned on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 by the EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, on one-count charge bordering on impersonation, contrary to Section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act.

The count charge read: "That you, Aretuemhen Frank (a.k.a Max Allen), on or about December 2018, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court fraudulently impersonated one Max Allen, a United States of America Soldier, 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".

He pleaded 'guilty' to the count charge.

In view of his plea, prosecuting counsel, S. Chime prayed the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

Defence counsel, U. Lucky, did not oppose the prosecution counsel.

Justice Abubakar convicted and sentenced Frank to one (1) year imprisonment without an option of fine.

Frank's journey to prison began when operatives of the EFCC, acting on intelligence, raided his hide out and arrested him. An iPhone 6S plus was recovered from him.

Investigation revealed that Frank was representing himself as an American with the United States Army, using Max Allen as his identity. With the fraudulent identity, he succeeded in defrauding an American lady, Thorman Benson the sum of \$12,000 by promising to marry her.

Here is the URL of the press release, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4526-harvest-of-convictions-as-court-jails-seven-oil-thieves-one-other-for-romance-scam-in-port-harcourt>

419 Coalition comment: And did Ms. Benson get any of her stolen money back?
If so, how much? Our guess would be..... probably not.

3 JUL 2019

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

Poly Student Jailed For Internet Fraud

Justice Patricia Ajoku of the Federal High Court 1 sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 convicted and sentenced one Quadri Sulaimon Ayobami to three months in prison over fraudulent impersonation.

The 20-year-old undergraduate of Oke Ogun Polytechnic, Saki was convicted on a one count amended charge filed against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office.

Quadri was convicted of the offence which contravenes Section 22(3) (b) and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015.

He was initially arraigned on June 26, 2019 on a five-count charge to which he pleaded not guilty. The charges were later amended due to his plea bargain agreement with the Commission.

The amended charge reads: "That you, Quadri Sulaimon Ayobami sometimes in 2018, at Ibadan, Oyo State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable court, fraudulently impersonated one Kate Linda via your email katelindabooxo@gmail.com wherein you falsely represented to Kenneth Stroud that you are a woman known as Kate Linda which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3)(b) and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015."

After the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, EFCC's counsel, Murtala Usman, prayed the court to accept the terms of the plea bargain agreement.

Justice Ajoku thereafter convicted and sentenced Quadri to three months in prison with effect from his day of arrest.

The court also ordered that the convict retribute the sum of USD207 (Two Hundred and Seven United States Dollars); and also forfeit one black Infinix Hot X606 phone to the Federal Government of Nigeria, being part of the benefit he derived from his fraudulent acts.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4524-poly-student-jailed-for-internet-fraud>

3 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Fraud: EFCC Makes Fresh Arrests of Yahoo-Yahoo Boys

The Kaduna Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on July 3, 2019 made yet another arrest of five suspected cyber criminals known as yahoo-yahoo at Barnawa Kaduna State.

Their modus operandi was to pose as United States Soldiers on peace keeping mission in Afghanistan, particularly on FaceBook platform.

At the point of their arrest, they all claimed to be bloggers and experts in bitcoin business. The suspected fraudsters who are from Edo and Kaduna states include two females and three males, all in their mid twenties and attending various universities both within and outside Nigeria.

They stated that they operate by creating fake FaceBook pages using display pictures and names belonging to mostly foreigners in order to deceive unsuspecting victims mostly females of white nationality.

Another mode of operation to is link up with their other conspirators known as Pickers residing in US and Ghana to help in receiving their loot via their dollar accounts domiciled in the US for onwards transfer to their boss in Nigeria after they must have duped their victims. They added that usually, they give 30% of their loot to these pickers while the remaining 70% is shared among the remaining members.

The fraudsters parade themselves with names like James Scott, Ibro wire (Ibrahim Idris AKA Ibro), Lious James, carista Sadiq (Sadiq Idris), Griffen James, CBN Martins (Martins Abeku), others arrested are Blessing Nicolas (Phil Nicholas), Esther Micheal (Xta Mikelz).

Items recovered include a yellow ELEPAC generator, 2 HP and 1 Del laptop, 2 Huawei Network wifi, phones, wrist watch, sim cards and ATM cards.

They shall be prosecuted as soon as investigation is concluded.

Here is the URL of the press releaae as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4523-fraud-efcc-makes-fresh-arrests-of-yahoo-yahoo-boys>

3 JUL 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Two Fraudsters Bag Two Years for Defrauding Foreigners \$3800

Justice J.K Omotosho of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 convicted and sentenced two fraudsters to two years imprisonment each, over impersonation and fraudulent online businesses, through which they defrauded two foreigners the sum of \$3800 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred United States Dollars).

The convicts are Obrien Nwabueze Odiaka (alias Steven Mark Anthony) and Ndume David Baridol (alias Aubrey Writes). They were both arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, on one count charge each bordering on impersonation.

Odiaka was arraigned on one- count charge bordering on impersonation contrary to Section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act.

Baridol, on the other hand, was arraigned on one count charge bordering on possession of documents containing false pretence and impersonation 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 count charge against Odiaka read: "That you Obrien Nwabueze Odiaka (A.K.A. Steven Mark Anthony) on or about May, 2019, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of the honourable court fraudulently impersonates one Steven Mark Anthony 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".

While the count charge against Baridol: "That you Ndume David Baridol (A.K.A. Aubrey Writes) on or about May 2019, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonates one Aubrey Writes 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".

Both of them pleaded 'guilty' to the charges.

Both the prosecution counsel, Samuel Chime and defense counsel, Opodola Babatunde agreed on the convicts' pleas of "guilty."

Justice Omotosho convicted and sentenced Odiaka to two years imprisonment without an option of fine. He also ordered that the sum of \$3000 (Three Thousand United States Dollars) he fraudulently made through online businesses be restituted to the victims and the iPhone 6S mobile phone used for the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Odiaka's journey to prison began when he was arrested sometimes in May, 2019 within Port Harcourt, Rivers State by the Special Anti Robbery Squad for internet - related offences. Upon investigations, it was discovered that the convict was involved in series of fraudulent businesses on the net and had defrauded some foreigners to the tune of \$3000 (Three Thousand United States Dollars). He has restituted the money to one of the victims, Denise Phillips, through the EFCC.

Justice Omotosho also convicted and sentenced Baridol to two years imprisonment without an option of fine. He also ordered that a sum of \$800 (Eight Hundred United States Dollars) he fraudulently made through online businesses be restituted to the victims and the iPhone 7 mobile phone used for the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Baridol courted troubles when he was arrested sometimes in May, 2019 within Port Harcourt, Rivers State by the Special Anti Robbery Squad for internet- related offences.

Investigations showed that the convict was involved in series of fraudulent businesses on the net and had defrauded some foreigners to the tune of \$800 (Eight Hundred United States Dollars). He has restituted the money to one of the victims, Tracy Molina, through the EFCC.

Here is the URL of the article, which contains photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4519-two-fraudsters-bag-two-years-for-defrauding-foreigners-3800t>

419 Coalition note: We are glad to read that monies were restituted to at least some of these 419ers' victims. We'd like to read a lot more press releases which include news of restitutions to victims of their stolen monies!

1 JUL 2019

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

Five Internet Fraudsters End in Jail In Enugu

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office has secured five separate convictions that involved Orji Uchenna, Chime Isaiah, Ogbu Obinna, Dunu Franklyn Tochukwu and Victor Patrick before Justice N.I Buba of Federal High Court, sitting in Enugu, the Enugu State capital on five separate one-count charge, which all bordered on internet fraud.

The convicts all pleaded guilty when their separate one-count charge was read to them respectively.

Investigations by the EFCC revealed that the convicts were in the habit of using fraudulent names and emails to defraud unsuspecting citizens of foreign countries.

Orji was found to have represented himself as George Terry Williams, a British widower in the Internet and knowingly sent the identity through his Whatsapp to Novelette Lothian.

Similarly, Dunu represented himself to be Rafiek Rafiek, Dimitri Folly-Adjo and Philippe Williams Paul, in the Internet and knowingly sent same through his Facebook account- Philippe Williams Paul to one Mrs. Galina Kabareckov.

Ogbu in his part, represented himself to be Rev. Father Micheal Donatus, a priest in the Internet and knowingly, sent a message through his email to one Kris Mohanpersad, while Chime who also

represented himself as Russell March, an American and knowingly sent a message through an email account:officialconsult775@gmail.com to several individuals.

The prosecution counsel, Dalyop Eunice Vou in view of the guilty plea of the convicts, asked the court to sentence them based on the plea bargain agreement they entered with the Commission.

The defense counsel, Ernest O. Isiewu, however, asked the court to temper justice with mercy on the grounds that the convicts were all first offenders.

The presiding judge, Justice N.I Buba, found them guilty and sentenced them to one month imprisonment respectively. He equally ordered that the iphones and laptops recovered from the convicts be forfeited to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4504-five-internet-fraudsters-end-in-jail-in-enugu>

28 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Harvest of Convictions: Five Internet Fraudsters Jailed in Lagos

It was a day of reckoning for Lagos based internet fraudsters on Friday, June 28, 2019, as four different judges rained convictions of varying sentences to five of them in various jurisdictions of the Lagos High Courts.

Among the three persons Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, convicted and sentenced separately for internet related offences was Abdulazeez Ismaila, who bagged six months imprisonment for being in possession of fraudulent documents. Onyebuchi Felix was sentenced to one year imprisonment for being in possession of fraudulent documents and Abdulazeez Ismaila was also convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment by the same judge for possession of fraudulent documents.

Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on the same day also convicted and sentenced one Emmanuel Olasupo to one year imprisonment for being in possession of fraudulent documents.

In the same vein, Justice Dada convicted and sentenced two other internet fraudsters: Amuda Tayo Segun and Aina Afeez Omodolapo to one year imprisonment each for being in possession of fraudulent documents

The charge against Onyebuchi reads: "That you, Onyebuchi Felix, sometime in 2019 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, had in your possession documents containing false pretence, which you knew that the said documents contained false pretence."

The charge against Ismaila is "That you, Abdulazeez Ismaila, sometime in 2019 in Lagos within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, had in your possession documents containing false pretence, which you knew that the said documents contained false pretence."

For Olasupo, the charge reads: "That you, Emmanuel Olasupo, sometime in May, 2019 in Lagos within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud had in your possession documents containing false pretence, which you knew that the said documents contained false pretence."

The charge against the duo of Segun and Omodolapo reads: "That you, Amudah Tayo Segun and Aina Afeez Omodolapo, sometime in 2019 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, had in your possession documents containing false pretence, which you knew that the said documents contained false pretence."

For Segun and Omodolapo, Justice Dada gave an "option of fine" of N250, 000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) each to the convicts.

Ismaila was not too lucky as he was convicted and sentenced the to six months imprisonment without an option of fine. The judge also ordered that all items recovered from the convict be forfeited to Federal Government of Nigeria.

Justice Taiwo convicted and sentenced Felix to nine months imprisonment without an option of fine. The judge also ordered the forfeiture of all recovered items from the convict to Federal Government of Nigeria.

The verdict on Olasupo by Justice Dada was one year imprisonment. The Judge also ordered that the two laptops and one iPhone recovered from the convict be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4496-harvest-of-convictions-five-internet-fraudsters-jailed-in-lagos>

28 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Eight Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Edo

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on Friday, June 28, 2019 arrested eight suspected internet fraudsters at their hideout in Ukpenu Community Ekpoma, Edo State.

The suspects were arrested in an early morning raid sequel to intelligence gathering by the Commission.

The suspects who are between the ages of 22 - 35 are Udaze Sylvester, Bassey Ibrahim, Nelson Aimieyekagbon, Felix Joshua, Udo Omoiyabra, Ikpomnwonsa Raymond, Endurance Adedugba and Abdulhakeem Ahmed.

Items recovered from the suspects at the point of arrest include lap top computers, mobile Phones, flash drives and internet modems.

The arrest of the fraudsters is one in the series by operatives of the Commission in line with the directive of the acting Executive Chairman of the Commission, Ibrahim Magu to rid the entire country of internet fraud and cyber crime.

The suspects have made useful statements and will be charged to court as soon investigations are completed.

Here is the URL of the article, which contains a photo,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4492-efcc-arrests-eight-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-edo>

27 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Man Bags Six Months for Internet Fraud in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ilorin Zonal Office on Thursday, June 27, 2019 secured the conviction of one Abdullahi Salihu who was charged for offences bordering on internet fraud before Justice Babangana Ashigar of a Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin, Kwara State.

The defendant was arraigned on February 20, 2019 on a four-count charge bordering on internet fraud.

He pleaded "not guilty" to the charges.

Shocked by the weight of evidence gathered against him by the EFCC, Salihu, however, decided not to waste the time of the court, and so approached the EFCC for a plea bargain agreement.

The charges were thereafter amended to a one-count charge, which reads: "That you, Abdullahi Salihu (alias Thomas Karter), sometime in March 2019, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of this honourable court, obtained from some unsuspecting nationals of the United States of America the gross sum of \$18,450 (Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty United States Dollars) upon the trick that Budweiser Drinks was carrying out vehicle advertisement and the detainer will be paid \$400 but a cheque of \$1950 will be sent to them while chatting using the name Thomas Karter with thomascarter@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under section 421 of the Criminal Code Act."

He, thereafter, pleaded "guilty" to the amended charge.

Upon his plea, Justice Ashigar sentenced him to a term of six months imprisonment which commenced from the day of his conviction. The sentence is without an option of fine.

The Judge also ordered that some of the items recovered from the convict which includes, a Toyota Camry car, a Nokia Phone, an iPhone X, a laptop among others should be forfeited to the Federal Government.

Here is the URL of the press release, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4483-man-bags-six-months-for-internet-fraud-in-ilorin>

26 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Internet Fraudster Docked, Remanded in Prison Custody

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos office, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, arraigned one Emmanuel Olasupo before Justice Mojisola Dada on a one-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents.

The charge reads: "That you, Emmanuel Olasupo, sometime in May, 2019 in Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession documents containing false pretence, which you knew that the said documents contains false pretence."

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

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Idris Mohammed, informed the court that the defendant had written a letter to the Commission on his willingness to enter into a "plea bargain".

Muhammed further told the court that the letter would be approved today or tomorrow, Thursday, June 27, 2019.

He, however, urged the court to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the hearing of the plea bargain.

Here the URL of the press release, which contains photos,
for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4473-internet-fraudster-docked-remanded-in-prison-custody>

26 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Man Jailed Four Months for Internet Fraud

Justice Mohammed Abubakar of the Federal High Court 1, sitting in Abeokuta, Ogun State, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 convicted and sentenced one Abdulrazak Lawal Adetunji to four months in prison.

He was convicted on a one-count amended charge of obtaining money under false pretence filed against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office.

The offence, according to the charge sheet, runs 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 Act.

Abdulrazak was alleged to have obtained the sum of \$400 USD (Four Hundred United States of American Dollars) from one Beatrice Lothes, an American citizen when he falsely represented himself to her as James Richard from the United States of America.

The pretense facilitated his obtaining the said sum through iTunes and play gift card.

At the court's sitting on Tuesday, the EFCC's counsel, Shamsuddeen Bashir, informed the court that the Commission will be substituting the arraignment earlier filed for the day with a plea bargain.

"My lord, today was initially for arraignment. But, we were approached by the defendant for a plea bargain agreement"

"In view of this, we have filed an amended charge together with the plea bargain agreement. We therefore, urge the court to accept same and call upon the defendant to take his plea," he told the court.

When the one-count amended charge was read to him, the defendant pleaded guilty.

In view of his plea, Bashir adopted the plea bargain agreement and urged the court to convict and sentence him accordingly.

The presiding judge then convicted and sentenced Abdulrazak to four months in prison.

The court also ordered that the convict make restitution of the sum he obtained to his victim, through the Federal Government of Nigeria, as well as forfeit items recovered from him to the government.

Here is the URL of the press release, which contains a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4470-man-jailed-four-months-for-internet-fraud>

26 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests Seven Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Kaduna

Operatives of the Kaduna Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in the early hours of Wednesday, June 26, 2019 raided and arrested seven suspected internet fraudsters in their hideout at No.15, Giwa Road, Barnawa High Cost area of Kaduna State.

The suspects, which include, six males and one female were arrested sequel to an intelligence report received by the Commission.

They are, Iyere Eromoseze Sylvester, 40, Uyiekpen Gabriel Etiosa, 21, Elimia John, 22, Eguasa Osas, 24, Osaohian Osas, 23, Faith Equasaogbomo, 33, and Terry Ogbudu, 25.

An identity card belonging to a Special Assistant of the National Assembly (House of Representatives) bearing Sylvester's name was found during the raid.

Other items recovered at the point of arrest include, a Toyota Venza car, 18 exotic phones (iPhones, Samsung, etc), three Apple iPads, five laptops, two international passports, several SIM cards of various networks, two Mifi and several flash drives, 11 ATM cards, exotic wrist watches and an exotic variant of indian hemp (Haze). They attempted hiding some of the items in the microwave, toilet water closet and bathroom sink.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

Here is the URL of the press release, which included several photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4469-efcc-arrests-seven-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-kaduna>

26 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Three Bag One Year for Romance Scam in Ilorin

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ilorin Zonal Office on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 secured the conviction of three persons charged on offences bordering on romance scam.

The convicts are, Akeem Mustapha (alias Patricia Cuppa), Abolarin Sunday (alias Cindy Holland), and Murtala Abdulrasheed (alias Cindy Holland).

They were convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment by a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin by Justice Mustapha Abdulgafar.

They pleaded "guilty" to the one-count amended charge levelled against them by the anti-graft agency.

The one count amended charge reads: "That you, Murtala Abdulrasheed (alias Cindy Holland), sometime in February 2019, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the Kwara State High Court, did attempt to cheat by personation, when you pretended to be one Daniel Aaron, a Vice Admiral in the United States Navy who is a single dad; 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."

Counsel for the EFCC, Andrew Akoja, informed the court of the amended charge, which was part of a plea bargain that the defendants entered into with the Commission.

Counsel for the defendants, S.O. Babakebe, confirmed the plea bargain agreement.

While reviewing the facts of the case, an EFCC operative, Ushie Okom narrated how the Commission got wind of their fraudulent activities.

He said: "Sometimes in February 2019, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission received intelligence reports about the activities of some internet fraudsters around Irewolede area of Ilorin."

"We moved straight to the scene and conducted a search on their residence, they were arrested, items like phones, laptops were recovered from them, when their email addresses were opened, we discovered that they have made various false representations, they presented themselves as women and sent various nude photographs to their victims."

Justice Abdulgafar after hearing the parties in the case said: "In view of the plea bargain agreements dated 25th of June 2019, the accused persons are hereby convicted in line with the terms and conditions agreed by the parties."

"The defendants are hereby sentenced to a one year imprisonment effective from the 12th of February 2019 when they were arrested; all the items recovered from them are hereby forfeited to the Federal Government."

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4468-three-bag-one-year-for-romance-scam-in-ilorin>

25 JUN 2019

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

Romance Scam: Court Jails Fraudster 7 Months Over \$13,700 Scam

Justice M.L. Abubakar of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State has convicted and sentenced Efedjare Maxwell to seven months imprisonment for duping foreigners of the sum of \$13,700 (Thirteen Thousand, Seven Hundred United States dollars) in several online dating deals.

Efedjare was arraigned on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office, on a one-count charge bordering on impersonation, contrary to Section 22(3) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc) Act, 2015 Under Section 22(4) of the same Act.

Operatives of the EFCC had while acting on intelligence report, arrested him on December 30, 2018 following a raid on Dumex Hotel, Otouwodo, Ughelli, Delta State.

Further investigations showed that he specialised in using the fake identity of an American soldier, he named Kelvin Clark, to lure unsuspecting women into spurious marriage deals. He used the trick to defraud an American lady of the sum of \$13,700.

The charge reads: "That you, Efedjare Maxwell (aka Kelvin Clark) on or about March 2019, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one Kelvin Clark with intent to gain advantage for yourself and hereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22(3)(a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention) Act, punishable under Section 22(4) of the same Act."

He pleaded "guilty" to the one-count charge when read to him.

In view of his guilty plea, counsel for the EFCC, Samuel Chime, prayed the court to convict and sentence him, accordingly.

Defence counsel, O.M. Ofodile did not oppose the prayer.

Justice Abubakar, thereafter, convicted and sentenced him to seven months in prison.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4461-romance-scam-court-jails-fraudster-7-months-over-13-700-scam>

25 JUN 2019

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

Fraudster Bags Six months Imprisonment

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 secured the conviction of Igbinigie Eghosasere at the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo

State. Eghosasere was arraigned on a two count charge bordering on impersonation.

Eghosasere is alleged to have impersonated Adriana Samuel and Jeremiah Ikpomwonsa, 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.

One of the counts reads: "That you Igbinigie Eghosasere on or about the 6th of May 2019 at Benin City within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court fraudulently impersonated Adriana Samuel 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 his arraignment, the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, Kingsley Udus prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendant as contained in the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and defendant.

Justice A. A. Demi-Ajayi convicted and sentenced Eghosasere to six months imprisonment with a fine of N500,000.

He is also to forfeit an Infinix Smart 1 phone (Android) recovered from him during investigation.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4455-fraudster-bags-six-months-imprisonment>

25 JUN 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags 35 Years in Ilorin

Justice M. Abdulgafar of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 convicted and sentenced an internet fraudster, Ajayi Temitope Charles to 35 years in prison without an option of fine.

Charles was first arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on March 13, 2019 for engaging in internet fraud.

One of the five count charges against him reads: "That you, Ajayi Temitope Charles, popularly known as Teresa Simons on or about the 27th of February, 2019, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, with intent to defraud, had in your possession document, which you knew contained false pretence, 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 the same Act."

He had pleaded "not guilty" to the charges, prompting the commencement of his trial.

However, at the end of the trial, Justice Abdulgafar ruled that the EFCC proved its case against him, "beyond reasonable doubts".

The trial judge held that: "The evidence of PW1, Olamide Sadiq was left unchallenged by the defendant, all the chats and text messages were printed from his email address in his presence."

"I have considered the testimonies of the PW1, this honourable court is of the opinion that the PW1 is a witness of truth, the Accused Person indeed was in possession of fake documents, and the prosecution has sufficiently linked the defendant to the email address."

Delivering judgement, Justice Abdulgafar, further rejected as untrue, the testimony of the convict where he claimed that the Police brought him to the office of the EFCC on the day of his arrest following his inability to pay the money they requested for.

"The story of the defendant being sent to the EFCC because he did not pay bribe to the police could not hold water, he lied to the court, I do not believe the evidence of the defendant, and the prosecution has proved this case beyond reasonable doubt," the trial judge said.

Thereafter, Justice Abdulgafar pronounced him guilty as charged.

Before sentencing, defence counsel, A.B. Bakare, in his allocutus, appealed for mercy, and urged the court to temper justice with mercy, stressing that his client was a first-time offender.

Counsel for the EFCC, Ola Sesan, however, opposed the request and urged the court to sentence him according to the provisions of the law.

"Going by the provisions of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act, the minimum punishment for this type of offence is seven years and maximum of 20 years, the court cannot use its discretion outside the same," he said.

Justice Abdulgafar, thereafter, sentenced him to seven years in prison on each of the five counts. The sentence is to run concurrently.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4454-internet-fraudster-bags-35-years-in-ilorin>

25 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arraigns Suspected Fraudster over \$12,000 Romance Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office on Monday, June 24, 2019 arraigned Aretuemhen Frank (a.k.a Williams Rodgers) before Justice M. L. Abubakar of the Federal High Court, sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on four- count charge bordering on false pretences, impersonation, possession of scam documents and obtaining money by false pretence contrary to Section 6 of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act.

Specifically, Frank was docked for allegedly defrauding an American lady, Thorman Benson the sum of \$12000 (Twelve Thousand American Dollars) in series of online dating deals.

One of the count charges read: "That you Aretuemhen Frank, on or about December, 2018, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court fraudulently impersonated one Max Allen, a United States of America soldier, 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."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the four- count charge preferred against him.

In view of his plea, prosecuting counsel, Samuel Chime applied for a trial date to open his case, while the defense counsel, P.O Nworah, informed the court of an application for bail for his client.

Justice Abubakar granted the applicant bail in the sum of N1million and one surety in like sum. The surety must be a civil servant residing within the jurisdiction of the court. The judge also remanded him in EFCC custody pending the time he meets his bail condition. He adjourned the matter to July 3, 2019 for trial.

Frank's ordeal began when Operatives of the EFCC, acting on intelligence, raided his hide out and arrested him. An iPhone 6s plus was recovered from him.

Investigation revealed that Frank was representing himself as an American with the United States Army, using Max Allen as his identity. With the fraudulent identity, he succeeded in defrauding an American lady, Thorman Benson the sum of \$12,000 by promising to marry her.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4450-efcc-arraigns-suspected-fraudster-over-12-000-romance-scam>

23 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

EFCC Arrests 16 Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Delta

Operatives of the Benin Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in an early morning raid on Saturday, June 22, 2019 arrested 16 suspected internet fraudsters at their hideout in Ughoton and Udu communities, Warri, Delta State.

The suspects who are between the ages of 20 to 30 were arrested sequel to intelligence report.

Items recovered from them at the point of arrest include laptop computers, iPhones, Android phones, ATM cards, and four exotic vehicles. The cars are Lexus ES330, GLK 4 Matic, Lexus RX 330 and Lexus ES350.

The arrest of the fraudsters is one in the series by operatives of the Commission in line with the directive of the acting Executive Chairman of the Commission, Ibrahim Magu to rid the entire country of internet fraud and cyber crime.

The suspects have made useful statements and will soon be charged to court.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4439-efcc-arrests-16-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-delta>

21 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Nabs 18 Suspected Yahoo Boys

Operatives of the special task force of the Uyo Zonal Office of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Thursday June 20, 2019, made a harvest of eleven suspected internet fraudsters, popularly known as 'Yahoo Boys' in an apartment on Parliamentary Extension, Akai Efa, Calabar, the Cross River State capital.

The all male suspects are: Endurance Ahunwan (28), Nohuwan Frank (26), Dominic Chidiebere (28), Idehe Efosa (17), Patrick Edos (27), Samuel Ukiwe (21) and Michael Edward 25.

Others are: Destiny Efe (17), Hope Yusuf (19), Harrison Esi (17) and Igbinigun Osamudia (17).

Seventeen-year-old Esi was found hiding in the roof of the apartment along with some of their tools of operation. According to him, their leader, Ahunwan instructed him to conceal himself and the gadgets in the roof in order to prevent his arrest and confiscation of the tools.

"Our leader ordered me to hide in the ceiling with the gadgets so that I will not be nabbed also," Esi said.

Upon arrest, Ahunwan the prime suspect, confessed that he recruited the team, saying they were paying back Europeans for stealing from their forefathers.

He also alleged that the parents of the arrested accomplices gave their consent and pleaded with him to help their children secure a means of livelihood.

Items recovered from the suspected fraudsters include: 10 laptops, eight internet modems, several sophisticated telephone handsets, including one iphone, technical devices and scam emails.

Similarly, seven suspected internet fraudsters were on Friday, June 21, 2019 arrested by officers of the Kaduna Zonal Office of the Commission.

The suspects, whose age ranged between 20 and 33 years were apprehended around 5a.m in an apartment along Ihejirika Close, Becky, Karu, Nasarawa State.

They include: Peter Olu Tsetimi, Ogunbiyi Adekunle A, Emuze Omosigbo Emmanuel and Isaac Daro Obozokhai.

Others are: Samuel Nana-Kofi Eruese, Edward Yusuf and Peace Manayin (female).

The suspected internet fraudsters held sway around Mararaba, Nyanya and Karu axis of Nasarawa State and Federal Capital Territory, FCT.

One of the suspects poses as an engineer with Exxon Mobil, the others also use false identities to defraud unsuspecting people within and outside Nigeria.

Items recovered from them include expensive watches and necklaces, expensive phones, tablets, laptops and several fraudulent documents.

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

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4438-efcc-nabs-18-suspected-yahoo-boys>

20 JUN 2019

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

\$3,600 Scam: EFCC Secures Conviction of Internet Fraudster

Justice Venchak S. Gaba of the Federal High Court Kwali, FCT, Abuja, on Thursday, June 20, 2019, sentenced and convicted one Okosun Barry Azeta to two months imprisonment for defrauding one Jaime, a Mexican to the tune of \$3,600 (Three Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars), after he pleaded "guilty"

to the charges.

Okosun Barry Azeta (a.k.a. Rory Collinan) was arraigned before Justice Gaba on a two count charge bordering on criminal breach of trust brought against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes commission, EFCC.

He is alleged to have fraudulently induced one Jaime (A Mexican) and received the sum of \$2000 (Two Thousand dollars) and \$1600 (One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars at different times.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Okosun Barry Azeta (aka Rory collinan), sometime in 2016, at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this honourable court fraudulent induced one Jaime (A Mexican) to deliver the sum of \$2000 Dollars (Two thousand Dollars) via Western Union Money transfer and thereby committed an offense contrary to Section 320(a) of the penal code, laws of the Federal of Nigeria (Abuja)".

During proceedings today, Thursday 20, 2019, the prosecution counsel, Maryam Aminu Ahmed, notified the judge that there were errors in the charges adding that in "Count 1, on line 3, that instead of the sum of "\$2000 Dollars, the charges read "2000000 Dollars" while the Second Count also in line 3, mentioned 1600000 Dollars", instead of 1600 Dollars"

After the charges were corrected and read to the defendant, he "pleaded guilty" to the charges.

The prosecution counsel, however, told the court that the defendant had entered into plea bargain and that both counsels have reached an agreement on the case.

Prosecution counsel urged the court to adopt the plea bargain agreement made before the honourable court on June 19 2019, while the defence counsel, Adaji Abel, pleaded with the court to do justice to the convict arguing that he saved the time of the court by not "pleaded not guilty" as he cooperated during the investigation.

He also added that the court should grant the convict, the opportunity to write his examination.

Justice Gaba, after listening to the plea arguments entered by the two counsels, sentenced and convicted the defendant to two months jail term.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4432-3-600-scam-efcc-secures-conviction-of-internet-fraudster>

20 JUN 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags One Year Imprisonment

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office has secured the conviction of one Okhiewwen Roland Ekata [a.k.a Zamani Baron Wellington) before Justice A. A. Demi-Ajayi of the Federal High Court, sitting in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

Ekata was arraigned on an amended one-count charge, bordering on intent to defraud and impersonation, which are offences that are contrary to Section 484 of the Criminal Code Act CAP C38 of the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, and punishable under Section 484 of the same Act.

The charge reads: "That you Okhiewwen Roland Ekata 'm' a.k.a Zamani Baron Wellington on or about the 3rd day of June 2015 at Benin City, Edo State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, being a citizen of Nigeria, with intent to defraud, you falsely represented yourself as Molton Cole, a citizen of England, which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 484 of the Criminal Code Act Cap, C38 of the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) 2004, and punishable under Section 484 of the same Act."

He pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against him. And based on the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution counsel, Fredrick Dibang and the defence counsel, Osama Idehen, Justice Demi-Ajayi convicted and sentenced the defendant to one year imprisonment and a fine of N250,000.

The judge also ordered that the HP Pavilion laptop recovered from the convict which was linked to the crime, be forfeited to the federal government of Nigeria as proceed of crime.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4430-internet-fraudster-bags-one-year-imprisonment-3>

20 JUN 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes

Commission (EFCC):

Two Yahoo-Boys Convicted in Abeokuta

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Thursday, June 20, 2019 secured the conviction of Adeleke Olumayowa Adeyinka and Agbomabiwon Abiodun, who were found guilty of internet-related offences.

They were convicted by Justice Mohammed Abubakar of the Federal High Court 1, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

While Adeyinka was pronounced guilty of failure to comply with lawful enquiry made from him, Abiodun was sentenced for fraudulent impersonation.

The judge slammed Adeleke with seven months jail and sentenced Agbomabiwon to three months in prison.

The court also ordered that Adeyinka forfeits his Toyota Camry 2007 Model, iPhone 6s Plus mobile phone, Nokia 3310 and Nokia 106 plus to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Abiodun on the other hand will restitute to his victim the sum of USD \$2000 (Two Thousand United States of American Dollars), and also forfeits his Nokia phone, MTN modem to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4426-two-yahoo-boys-convicted-in-abekuta>

20 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Arrests 27 Suspected Fraudsters in Ogun

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, has arrested 27 suspected fraudsters for offences bordering on conspiracy, obtaining money under false pretences, forgery and possession of fraudulent documents.

The suspects are: Joshua Awoyemi, Sadiq Adeola, Olusoga Sadiq, Olalekan Savage, Arinze Princewill, Ojelabi Adewale, Ibrahim Habib, Wusu Damilare, Kadejo Sola, Osho Omotolani, Adeosun Adeyemi, Sobiye Oluwafemi and Temitope Opaogun.

Others are: Ademuyiwa Korede, Shotayo Ahmed, Azeez Sodiq, Iyedudu Benjamin, Ayeleso Joseph, Akintayo Toluwalope, Ale Olugbenga Abraham, Ogunlami Adetokunbo, Adebajo Ayodeji, Ayodeji Yemi, Idris Ayandiran, Shittu Sadiq, Alayo Odunayo and Ayinde Olawale.

The suspects were arrested on Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14, 2019 in Abeokuta, Ogun State, following intelligence reports received by the Commission.

Items recovered from the suspects include seven cars, 25 phones and 10 laptops.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4425-efcc-arrests-27-suspected-fraudsters-in-ogun>

20 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Arrests 27 Suspected Yahoo-Boys in Osogbo, Recovers 8 Exotic Cars, Other Items

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Thursday, June 20, 2019 swept on hideouts of suspected internet fraudsters in Osogbo, the Osun State capital, and smoked out 27 suspects among whom were four ladies suspected to be their girlfriends.

Officials of the Commission have embarked on weeks of surveillance, working on series of intelligence gathered on the activities of suspected 'Yahoo Boys' in locations across the city.

The intelligence was found to be substantially credible, leading to the sting operation on Thursday. Among the arrested suspects are Adeleke Peter, Babalola Abiodun, Aduroja Temitope, Abdulazeez Razak, Adesina Adewale, Osayintoba Dare, Adebawale Fadairo, Abdulazeez Abdullahi, Akinseye Samuel and Osanyintoba Femi.

Others include: Austin Onyekachukwu, Oluwaseun Adesina, Ibosiola Olamilekan, Ayoola Lekan, Abdullahi Owopade, Olatunbosun Kolawole, Saheed Adebola, Osanyintoba Pelumi, Ayo Bello, Samuel Emmanuel, Olalekan Oladele, Solomon Matthew, Oyelude Opeyemi, Quadri Olatunji, Ibrahim Alao, Tunde Bello and Fatolu Temitope.

Eight exotic cars including two Lexus and six Toyota brands, as well as many costly phones and laptops, were among the items recovered in the course of the operation

The suspects, who variously claimed to be graduates, students, computer engineers and businessmen, are currently undergoing interrogation to ascertain their level of involvement in the alleged act.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4423-efcc-arrests-27-suspected-yahoo-boys-in-osogbo-recovers-8-exotic-cars-other-items>

20 JUN 2019

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He pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against him. And based on the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution counsel, Fredrick Dibang and the defence counsel, Osama Idehen, Justice Demi-Ajayi convicted and sentenced the defendant to one year imprisonment and a fine of N250,000.

The judge also ordered that the HP Pavilion laptop recovered from the convict which was linked to the crime, be forfeited to the federal government of Nigeria as proceed of crime.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4422-internet-fraudster-bags-one-year-imprisonment-2>

19 JUN 2019

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

Five Suspected Internet Fraudsters Arrested in Enugu

In yet another raid aimed at eradicating the menace of internet fraud and cyber crime, popularly known as 'yahoo-yahoo' in the South-East region of Nigeria, the Enugu Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 arrested five suspected fraudsters.

They include, Ogbu Obinna Christopher, Onyeagba Joseph, Chime Isiah, Duru Franklyn Tochukwu and Orji Uchenna.

They were arrested following an early morning raid at their respective residences located at Goshen Estate and Trans Ekulu, Enugu.

Their arrest followed intelligence report about their fraudulent online activities.

On the strength of the information gathered, search warrants were executed in their houses/compound.

Items recovered from them include, several mobile phones, laptop computers, suspected counterfeit currency in N1,000 notes totaling N31,000; three Lexus cars, one Toyota Avalon car, several ATM cards and other incriminating items.

They will soon be charged to court.

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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4419-five-suspected-internet-fraudsters-arrested-in-enugu>

19 JUN 2019

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

Nine Suspected Internet Fraudsters in EFCC Net

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, arrested nine suspected internet fraudsters.

The suspects, ranging between the ages of 21 and 30, were apprehended at different locations at the Airport Road, Alakia Area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Following series of complaints from neighbours and victims of their alleged fraudulent activities, operatives of the Commission stormed their hideout in the early hours of Wednesday to effect their arrest.

The suspects include, Abdulmumini Fatai, Hazzan Azeez Junior, Adeleke Oluwaseyi, Atolagbe Dami Timileyin and Emmanuel Oluwaseun.

Others are Kehinde Ridwan, Alarape Sodiq, Ahmed Mufutau, and Quadri Opeyemi.

Items recovered from them, include laptops, different models of iPhones, other brands of mobile phones and several fraudulent documents suspected to be used to defraud unsuspecting people.

Further investigation is ongoing, as well as subjecting the items and documents recovered to forensic analysis.

They will soon be charged to court.

Here is the URL of the press release for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4418-nine-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-efcc-net>

19 JUN 2019

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

Court Sentences Internet Fraudster to Six Months Jail Term

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, secured the conviction of Osaghole ThankGod (a.k.a James Lee Chan) before Justice A. A. Demi-Ajayi of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin, Edo State for offences bordering on fraudulent impersonation and intent to defraud.

ThankGod was arraigned on a one count charge of fraudulently impersonating the identity of Richard Choi through the internet by sending the picture of Susan Chan, an American woman with the intent to obtain money contrary to Section (22)(2)(b)(1)(ii) of the Cyber Crime (prohibition prevention etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(b)(IV) of same Act.

The charge reads: "That you Osaghole ThankGod (aka James Lee Chan) sometime between 2018 and 2019 at Uromi, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of Richard Choi by sending an American picture of Susan Chan, a woman in America through the internet which picture and identity you claimed to be your own with the intent to obtain money from her and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section (22)(2)(b)(II) of the Cybercrimes (prohibition prevention etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under 22(b)(iv) of the same Act."

ThankGod pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

Upon his plea, the prosecution counsel, Arumemi Moses prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendant based on the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and the defendant.

Justice Demi-Ajayi consequently sentenced the defendant to six months imprisonment and a fine of N1 million.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo,
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<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4416-court-sentences-internet-fraudster-to-six-months-jail-term>

18 JUN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission (EFCC):

Fake EFCC Employment Officer, Internet Fraudster Bag Jail Terms

Justice J.K. Omotosho of the Federal High Court, sitting in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 convicted and sentenced Bisong James Oyen, a fake employment officer of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, to two years imprisonment without an option of fine.

Similarly, Kelvin Ogbonna, an internet scammer equally bagged two years from the same judge.

Oyen was arraigned by the EFCC, Port Harcourt's Zonal Office on Thursday, June 13, 2019 on a two-count charge bordering on forgery and obtaining money by false pretence contrary to Section 1 (2) (c) of the Miscellaneous Offences Act CAP M17 of the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) 2007, and punishable under Section 1 (2) of the same Act.

One of the charges reads: "That you, Bisong James Oyen, on or about 11th December, 2018 at Port Harcourt, Rivers State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did forge Economic and Financial Crimes Commission appointment letter and delivered same to Talbort Young for employment with intent that it may be acted upon as genuine a pretext, which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (2) (c) of the Miscellaneous Offences Act CAP M17 of the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) 2007 and punishable under Section 1 (2) of the same Act".

He pleaded not guilty to the charges at the point of arraignment. He, however, changed his plea on Tuesday to "guilty", thus paving the way for his conviction.

Justice Omotosho convicted and sentenced him to two years imprisonment on each of the charges. The sentences run concurrently. Both the prosecution and defence counsels agreed on the plea bargain arrangement.

Oyen's journey to prison began when a petitioner alleged that he logged into the EFCC's website in a bid to apply for a job, but could not get log in successfully. He disclosed that he later received a call from one Alex (Kalu Patrick Ikechukwu), now at large, that he should send his document to an email address: jimmyexclusive85@gmail.com and pay some money into an account number of one of the new generation banks.

The petitioner thereafter got an assurance that he would receive an appointment letter from the EFCC that would qualify him for training by the EFCC. After waiting for sometime without any communication from the EFCC, he reported the matter for investigations and the results showed that Oyen was neither a bonafide employment officer of the EFCC nor authorized to receive any payment from any member of the public on behalf of the Commission.

In the same vein, Justice Omotosho also convicted and sentenced an internet fraudster, Kelvin Ogbonna to two years imprisonment.

Ogbonna was arraigned by the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the EFCC on a two-count charge, bordering on false pretences.

One of the charges against Ogbonna reads: "That you, Kelvin Ogbonna on or about 12th February 2019, in Port Harcourt, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court had in your possession (your email address: barrito1@gmail.com and ms087704@gmail.com) documents containing false pretences which you knew or ought to know contains false pretence and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 6 of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offence Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3)."

He pleaded not guilty to the charges when read to him. He, however, changed his plea on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, to "guilty", thus paving the way for his conviction.

Justice Omotosho convicted and sentenced him to two years imprisonment on each of the charges. The sentences run concurrently. Both the prosecution counsel, Esin - Otu Ebipade and defence counsel, B.M Mgbamoka agreed on the plea bargain arrangement.

Ogbonna got into trouble when the EFCC acted on some intelligence concerning his impersonation, possession of scam documents and internet fraud and arrested him accordingly. Investigation showed that his Apple iphone 6 and Hewlett Packard (HP) Pavilion laptop contained documents, which were false pretences.

Upon interrogation, he confessed that he was involved in internet fraud by using a fake FaceBook profile with the name Fredrick Keefer and Google hangout accounts with the usernames barrito1@gmail.com and ms087704@gmail.com to defraud his victims via scammed mails.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4410-fake-efcc-employment-officer-internet-fraudster-bag-jail-terms>

18 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Nabs 3 Suspected Internet Fraudsters in Ibadan, To Handover Two to Police

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan zonal office, on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, arrested three suspected internet fraudsters and two others for being in possession of Double Barrel Gun.

They were picked up at Ologuneru and Olodo areas of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital after days of surveillance mounted on them to test the veracity of allegations of fraudulent activities and flamboyant life without tangible source of income levelled against them in series of petitions authored by their neighbours.

The suspects are Ajaguna Quadri Biola (27), Nafiu Moshood (23) and Anuoluwapo James Olasupo (22).

At the time of his arrest, Biola, who claimed to be an undergraduate of the Polytechnic, Ibadan, was in possession of one 2008 Toyota Camry car, two laptops, one iPhone X, two internet modems and one smartwatch.

Mosheed said he is a student of Alayande College of Education, Oyo State. Items recovered from him are one iPhone 8 plus, one Tecno phone and one laptop.

In his own statement, Olasupo claimed to be a phone engineer. Two laptops, one phone and one mobile wifi were recovered from him.

They will be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

Also on Tuesday, operatives of the Commission arrested 33-year-old Soladoye Hammed Olayinka and Adeleye Ibrahim Adesola (24). The duo were arrested in possession of a Marochi Double Barrel Gun with serial number 149242.

Olayinka claimed to be a graduate of Animal Production and Health, while Adesola said he is an undergraduate of Industrial Relations and Personnel Management in the Osun State University.

Their arrest was in line with the Presidential executive order on withdrawal of licensed firearms and shotguns from private individuals, which took effect from June 1, 2019.

EFCC's preliminary investigation has revealed that the license allegedly obtained for the gun was inconsistent.

The suspects will therefore be transferred to the Nigerian Police Force for further investigation.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4407-efcc-nabs-3-suspected-internet-fraudsters-in-ibadan-to-handover-two-to-police>

18 JUN 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags Four Months Jail in Abeokuta

Justice Mohammed Abubakar of the Federal High Court, Abeokuta on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, sentenced one Ogunkoya Korede to four months in prison for failing to cooperate with officials of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, during investigations into his fraudulent activities.

Ogunkoya, also known as Erica Vallot, bagged the jail term after the court found him guilty of a one-count amended charge filed against him by the Ibadan zonal office of the Commission. He was also fined N20,000 (Twenty Thousand Naira).

He had denied ownership of a house traced to him in the course of investigation.

The charge reads: "That you, Ogunkoya Korede (a.k.a Erica Vallot) in September 2018, in Abeokuta, Ogun State, within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court, failed to comply with lawful enquiry made from you, pursuant to Section 38 (1) of the Economic and Financial Crimes (Establishment) Act, 2004 by Inspector Umar Iyah, an authorized agent of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, when you failed to disclose receipts of properties

you obtained under false pretences and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 38 (1) and (2)(b) of Economic and Financial Crimes (Establishment) Act, 2004."

The defendant pleaded guilty to the amended charge.

The charge was a product of a plea bargain agreement between him and the Commission as contained in a document jointly signed by the prosecution counsel, Shamsudeen Bashir, and defence counsel Agnes Okoronkwo.

Apart from the jail term and fine imposed, the judge also ordered that the convict forfeits to the Federal Government of Nigeria one Apple laptop, one Samsung Galaxy S8+ phone, one laptop charger and one phone charger,

which were linked to his crime.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4405-internet-fraudster-bags-four-months-jail-in-abeokuta>

18 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Nabs Seven Internet Fraud Suspects

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ilorin Zonal Office has arrested seven persons for offences bordering on internet fraud and other fraud related offences.

The first four among the suspects, namely: Kayode Obanewo a.k.a Samantha James, Muhammed Ademola a.k.a Catherine Smith, Yusuf Rasheed a.k.a Rebecca Moore and Apata Oluwakayode a.k.a Hanna Cole, were arrested on June 11, 2019 at Mandate Estate Phase 2, behind Irewolede area of Ilorin following intelligence reports. Obanewo, during interrogation from officers of the Commission, admitted the commission of the crime.

According to him, "I was arrested on the 11th of June 2019 at Mandate Estate Phase 2, but before the day of my arrest, I met a friend who introduced me to internet fraud. He gave me a laptop which was the reason behind my arrest. I saw one email address on the laptop and started using it to chat with some people at night when I come back from work," he said.

The Commission also arrested three other persons for similar offences in Agric Estate, Ilorin.

They are Olorunwa Okikiola, Olurunfemi Olamide and Ogungbemi Sogo.

Items recovered from the suspects include, laptops, phones and sim cards of different network providers, among others.

The suspects will soon be charged to court.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4401-efcc-nabs-seven-internet-fraud-suspects>

17 JUN 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags Six Months Jail Term

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office today, June 17, 2019 secured the conviction of one Akhibge Gabriel before Justice M.G. Umar of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

Gabriel was convicted on a three count charge of impersonation and intent to defraud through the internet 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 .

Gabriel who at various times presented himself as Mathew Swan, Mathew Chang, David Wong, Richard Swan and Mark Peter was alleged to have, with intent to defraud sent electronic messages to one Candy Selfie, an American lady in order to hoodwinked her.

One of the counts reads: "That you Akhibge Gabriel (a.k.a Mathew Aswan, Mathew Chang , David Wong, Richard Swan and Mark Peter) sometime between 2018 and 2019 at Uromi within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate the identity of one Michael Chan by sending an American picture to Candy Selfie a lady in America through the internet which picture and identity you claim to be our own with the 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)(IV) of the same Act".

Akhibge pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

Based on his plea, the prosecution counsel, F.A. Jirbo preyed the court to sentence and convict the defendant as contained in the plea bargain agreement.

However, the defence counsel, Peter Asemota pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as his client was a first time offender, a youth who has become remorseful and has promised never to go back to the crime.

Justice Umar thereafter sentenced the accused to six (6) months imprisonment with an option of N2,000,000 (Two Million Naira).

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4393-internet-fraudster-bags-six-months-jail-term>

11 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Arraigns Two Suspected Internet Fraudsters

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on Monday, June 10, 2019, arraigned the duo of Osaghale ThankGod (a.k.a James Lee Chan) and Ikebodih Kelvin (a.k.a Leo Jeff, Lee Kong) before Justice A. A. Demi-Ajayi of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin, Edo State for offences bordering on fraudulent impersonation and intent to defraud.

Ikebodih Kelvin was arraigned on a two count charge of hoodwinking Vicky Chan, a Chinese lady with messages which she relied upon to part with the sum of Five Thousand Euro for him.

One of the charge reads: "That you, Ikebodih Kelvin sometime between 2018 and 2019 at Uromi, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court did with intent to defraud sent electronic messages which material misrepresent facts to Vicky Chan, a lady in China which messages she relied on and which caused her to suffer financial loss in the sum of Five Thousand Euro and hereby committed an offence contrary to section 14(2) of the Cybercrime (prohibition prevention e.t.c)Act ,2015."

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

In the same vein, ThankGod was arraigned on a one count charge of fraudulently impersonating the identity of Richard Choi through the internet by sending the picture of Susan Chan, an American woman which he claimed to be with the intent to obtain money contrary to Section (22)(2)(b)(1)(ii) of the Cyber crime (prohibition prevention etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section 22(b)(IV) of same Act.

ThankGod pleaded guilty to the charge when it was read to him.

In view of their plea, the prosecution counsel, F.A.Jirbo asked the court for a trial date and to remand the defendant in prison custody.

However, their defence counsels, Sheriff Okoh and Asemota Peter told the court that they have filed application for bail for their clients.

Justice Demi-Ajayi adjourned both matters to June 19, 2019, for ruling on bail application and sentencing. He also ordered that the defendants be remanded in prison custody pending the determination of the bail application.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4375-efcc-arraigns-two-suspected-internet-fraudsters>

10 JUN 2019

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

Internet Fraudster Bags One Year Imprisonment

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on Monday, June 10, 2019 secured the conviction of Okhienwen Roland Ekata aka (Zamani, Baron Wellington) before Justice A. A. Demi-Ajayi of the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

Ekata was arraigned on an amended one-count charge bordering on intent to defraud and impersonation an offence contrary to Section 484 of the Criminal Code Act CAP C38 of the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, and punishable under Section 484 of the same Act.

The charge reads: "That you Okhienwen Roland Ekata 'M' aka Zamani, Baron Wellington on or about the 3rd day of June 2015 at Benin City, Edo State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, being a citizen of Nigeria, with intent to defraud, you falsely represented yourself as Molton Cole, a citizen of England, which you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 484 of the Criminal Code Act Cap, C38 of the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) 2004, and punishable under Section 484 of the same Act".

Upon his arraignment, the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against him by the EFCC.

And based on the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution counsel, Fredrick Dibang and the defence counsel, Osama Idehen, Justice Demi-Ajayi convicted and sentenced the defendant to one year imprisonment and a fine of N250,000.

The judge also ordered that an HP Pavilion Laptop recovered from the defendant which was linked to the crime, be forfeited to the Federal government of Nigeria as proceeds of crime.

Ekata journey to prison began when he falsely represented himself as Molton Cole, a citizen of England with the intent to defraud unsuspecting victims.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4371-internet-fraudster-bags-one-year-imprisonment>

7 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Secures Conviction of Two Internet Fraudsters in Ilorin

Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of Kwara State High Court, Ilorin, on Thursday June 6, 2019, convicted two Internet fraudsters, Johnson Okuselu, 23 and Saheed Olanrewaju, 25, to one year imprisonment without an option of fine for alleged internet scam.

During the trial, an investigator of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Olamide Sadiq told the court that on April 28, based on reliable information concerning the suspicious activities of defendant about internet fraud, the operatives arrested the defendants at Ilorin International Airport.

The witness said that their phones were searched and it was revealed that the defendants created an email, using the name James kiak, with email address, captainjameskaik@gmail. Com; while "using the picture of a white man to deceive his unsuspecting victim. He said after analysing the e-mail and several other email correspondents between the defendants and their victims, one Brenda Hurling, it was revealed that it was scam mail.

The entire incriminating documents discovered from the defendants were admitted in court as evidence P1 and P2a. The iPhone was admitted as evidence P1, while the statement made by the defendant in April was admitted as P2a.

"The document was endorsed by the defendant, attached to the document is a certificate of identification," Sadiq said. Also admitted as evidence is the printed out email transactions that transpired between the defendant and Brenda Hurling and the certificate of identification was admitted as evidence P2b.

The prosecution counsel, Mr. A. A. Adebayo, told the court that sometimes in April, Okuselu pretended to be an America woman, one Blessed Saviour, claiming to provide job to one Omni Guzman, in United States of America.

Adebayo said that it was contained in the accused person's Gmail account; blessed.saviour000@gmail.com; email conversation with his victim.

According to the prosecution Counsel, Okuselu committed an offence, contrary to sections 95, 321 of the penal code law and punishable under section 322 of the same law. Adebayo said the defendants entered a plea bargain agreement.

After hearing the two counsels, Justice Oyinloye accepted the plea bargain and sentenced the two accused persons after they "pleaded guilty" to the charges brought against them by the EFCC.

Oyinloye said the sentence followed a plea bargain agreement, entered upon by the prosecution and defence counsel and the evidence admitted into court.

He further said that "following the accused acceptance of guilt; he therefore sentenced the accused person to 1 year in Oke-kura prison yard". According to the presiding Judge "The sentence service will commence from April 28, when the accused persons were arrested by the anti graft body" and asked them to write an undertaking to the court, that they will never commit same offence again.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4364-efcc-secures-conviction-of-two-internet-fraudsters-in-ilorin>

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23 JAN 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

Internet Fraudster Bags 16 Months Jail Term

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal Office, on January 22, 2019, secured the conviction of Temitope Alani Teslim, for Internet fraud.

Justice Sherifat Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos convicted him for the offence bordering on possession of fraudulent documents.

He was arrested by officers of the Nigeria Army Corps of Military Police on May 16, 2018 around Ogba, Lagos and was subsequently handed over to the EFCC.

During investigation, he wrote three statements, in which he confessed that he was into dating scam.

He was re-arraigned today on an amended 22-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Temitope Alani Teslim (aka Hannah Ciar), on or about the 25th of June 2018 at Lagos, within the Ikeja judicial division, had in your possession a document titled 'My Discussion With Stevieboy66', wherein you represented yourself as a white female, Hannah Ciar, to one Stevieboy66, thereby containing pretence which you knew to be false."

Count two reads: "That you, Temitope Alani Teslim (aka Hannah Ciar), on or about the 25th of June 2018 at Lagos, within the Ikeja judicial division, had in your possession a document titled 'Happy Hump Day' containing pretence which you knew to be false."

He pleaded "guilty" to the charges.

The prosecuting counsel, Bilikisu Buhari, told the court that the defendant had entered a plea bargain with the EFCC.

After hearing the terms of agreement reached by the prosecution and defence, the trial judge convicted him accordingly, and sentenced him to one year and four months in prison.

Judge Solebo also ordered the forfeiture of an iPhone 7, a silver Acer Chrome and battery power pack, which he used "as the instrumentality of fraud" to the Federal Government.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3660-internet-fraudster-bags-16-months-jail-term>

28 JUN 2019

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

EFCC Secures Two Convictions In Abeokuta

The Ibadan zonal office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on Friday, June 28, 2019 secured the conviction of two internet fraudsters - Abdulazeez Abdulgafar Opeoluwa (a.k.a. Aquia Pennington) and Bakare Azeez Adegbola.

The duo were convicted of impersonation and sentenced to prison terms by Justice Mohammed Abubakar of the Federal High Court 1, Abeokuta Division.

Opeoluwa's charge contravenes Section 22 (3) (a) and punishable under Section 22 (4) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc) Act, 2015.

The charge against Adegbola is contrary to Section 24 (1) (a) and punishable under Section 24 (1) (b) of the Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015.

Prosecution counsel, Shamsuddeen Bashir, had earlier informed the court of plea bargain

agreements between each of the convicts and the EFCC, and urged the court to accept same.

Opeoluwa and Adegbola thereafter pleaded guilty to the respective one-count amended charge filed against them.

While delivering his judgment, the presiding judge pronounced Opeoluwa guilty as pleaded and sentenced him to five months in prison, while Adegbola was slammed with eight months jail term.

The court also ordered the duo to return the proceeds of their fraud to the victims, through the Federal Government of Nigeria, as well as forfeit the items recovered from them at the point of arrest also to the government.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos, for as long as it is good.
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4490-efcc-secures-two-convictions-in-abeokuta>

419 Coalition comment: We hope that the Court monitors the repatriation of the proceeds of the fraud to the victims, and assures that this is in fact carried out.

28 JUN 2019

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

Six Jailed For Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office, on Thursday, June 27, 2019 secured the conviction of six internet fraudsters in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

The convicts are Ibrahim Adenekan, Akinniyi Bankole Ojumu, Amoo Hammeed Olamide, Oshoala Abayomi Ganiu, Opaaje Oluwatobi Isiah and Ibukun Sunday.

While Ibrahim, Akinniyi, Oshoala, Opaaje and Ibukun were found guilty by Justice Mohammed Abubakar, Amoo was convicted by Justice Ibrahim Watilat. The two Justices are both of the Federal High Court sitting in Abeokuta.

They were all found guilty of the respective one-count amended charges filed to replace the original charges against them, having reached a plea bargain agreement with the Commission.

Ibrahim and Opaaje pleaded "guilty" to fraudulent impersonation, an offence contrary to Section 22 (2)(b)(i) of the Cybercrime Prohibition Prevention Act 2015 and punishable under the same Act.

For Akinniyi, he was found guilty of sending pornographic and indecent pictures with his email account. The offence is contrary to Section 24(1)(a) of the Cybercrime Prohibition Prevention Act 2015, and punishable under Section 24(1)(b) of the same Act.

Each of the convicts bagged three months jail term to start from their respective days of arrest.

Besides the jail term, the convicts were ordered to retribute to their victims the money they fraudulently obtained from them, and also to forfeit all the items recovered from them to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Here is the URL of the article, which contains photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4489-six-jailed-for-internet-fraud>

419 Coalition comment: We hope the Court does monitor and assure the restitution of the stolen monies to the victims of these 419ers.

27 JUN 2019

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

Court Jails Yahoo Yahoo Kingpin, One Other in Calabar

Justice Simon Amobeda of the Federal High Court sitting in Calabar, Cross River State, on Thursday, June 26, 2019, sentenced a notorious yahoo yahoo kingpin, Akpojivi Onoriode, who was arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on a one-count charge bordering on cybercrime.

The convict, a 29-year-old graduate of Delta State University, Abraka and a father of two,

was arrested by operatives of the Uyo Zonal Office of the Commission in the early hours of Saturday, May 4, 2019, following intelligence report exposing him of living above his means. He was picked up at his lavishly furnished duplex on Plot 10, Block VI, Unical Satellite Town, Calabar, Cross River State.

Upon his arrest, the convict, popularly known as "Blinks" or "Mr. White", confessed to having offshore accounts in China, and narrated how he started the business of defrauding people quite early, while he was still an undergraduate at Delta State University, Abraka in Delta State.

The charge against Akpojivi reads: "That you, Onoriode Joel Akpojivi, on or about the 4th day of May 2019, in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did unlawfully produce, supply, procure for use and distributed a computer program (fake online banking link platform) designed for the purpose of electronically defrauding unsuspecting persons and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 28 (1) (a) of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act 2015 and punishable under Section (1) (c) of the same Act."

Shocked by the weight of evidence gathered against him by the EFCC, Akpojivi chose not to waste the time of the court as he pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

In view of his plea, counsel for the EFCC, A.S. Abuh, informed the court of a plea bargain arrangement entered between the convict and the Commission, dated June 19, 2019 and filed on June 20, 2019.

"I hereby pray the court to convict and sentence him based on the terms of the agreement," she said.

Delivering judgement, Justice Amobeda held that: "It is a known fact that crimes of this nature appear now to be prevalent in our time. I do hereby sentence the convict to 6 months imprisonment with an option of fine of N500,000."

"The convict shall forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria the instruments used in the commission of the offence being thus: Acura ZDX with registration number SMK 245 DQ (Lagos), Range Rover Envogue with registration number FST 772 EQ (Lagos), Mercedes Benz E 300 with registration number LSD 393 EG (Lagos) and the seven bedroom duplex situated at Victory Way Extension, Satellite Town, Calabar, Cross River State."

Earlier, Justice Amobeda convicted another graduate of Delta State University, Abraka, Obabueki Philips, who was equally arraigned by the anti-graft agency on a one-count charge bordering on impersonation and cybercrime.

When Obabueki was arrested, he admitted that his area of specialisation was impersonation, and that he sends out fraudulent emails to defraud his victims.

A forensic analysis of his laptop led to the recovery of quite a number of highly incriminating scam documents that further indicted him of the crime.

The charge to which Obabueki pleaded guilty to reads: "That you, Obabueki Eromosele Philips, (aka Leo Sim) 'm' on or about the 30th day of May, 2019 in Nigeria within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonate one Leo Sim, with intent to obtain property from unsuspecting persons, the pretence you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (b) (ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition and Prevention, Etc) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) (b) (iv) of the same Act."

In view of his guilty plea, Abuh informed the court of the plea bargain arrangement entered between the Commission and the convict and also prayed the court to convict and sentence him based on the agreements therein.

The court thereafter sentenced him to six months imprisonment with an option of fine of N50,000.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes photos, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/4486-court-jails-yahoo-yahoo-kingpin-one-other-in-calabar>

419 Coalition commen: 419 Coalition Likes reading about arrests and convictions of 419er Kingpins, Ogas, Chairmen etc. - the bigger the fish the better. Of course, the convictions of them with tsnigible proof of resitution paid to their victims, and confirmed as received by their vistims, now That is even better, and is what the Nigerian Government and EFCC need to be accomplishing.

22 JAN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission:

EFCC Docks Internet Fraudster

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Lagos Zonal office, on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, arraigned a suspected Internet fraudster, Balogun Sultan, before Justice Oloruntoyin Solebo of the Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos on a four-count charge bordering on possession of fraudulent documents.

The defendant was said to present himself as Erika Stiller, a female, to unsuspecting victims on the Internet.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Balogun Sultan (a.k.a Erika Stiller), on or about the 29th November, 2017 at Lagos, within the Ikeja Judicial Division, with intent to defraud, had in your possession documents containing false pretence titled "Picture from Erika" from Erika Stiller by sending pictures to mark65243@yahoo.com and printed from your e-mail box, erikastiller231@gmail.com, erikastiller231@gmail.com".

Another count reads: "That you, Balogun Sultan (a.k.a Erika Stiller), on or about the 13th April, 2018 at Lagos within the Ikeja Judicial Division, with intent to defraud, had in your possession documents containing false pretence titled "Grant FMT" Re Money" from Erika Stiller by sending a letter printed from your e-mail box, erikastiller231@gmail.com".

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

In view of his plea, the prosecution counsel, C.R. Edozie, asked the court for a trial date and prayed the court to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the determination of the case before the court.

Counsel to the defendant, Babatunde Adeyemi, prayed the court to admit his client to bail.

In his response, the prosecution counsel told the court that though he had been served with the bail application, he would need time to go through it.

Consequently, Justice Solebo adjourned the matter to February 5, 2019 for hearing of the bail application and also remanded the defendant in Kirikiri prison custody.

Here is the URL of the press release, which includes a photo, for as long as it is good:
<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3657-efcc-docks-internet-fraudster>

21 JAN 2019
From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes
Commission:

EFCC Arraigns Man for Love Scam

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibadan Zonal Office on January 21, 2019 arraigned one Ajibade Wasiu Oladotun before Justice M.A. Onyetenu of the Federal High Court sitting in Osogbo, Osun State on a three-count charge bordering on obtaining money by false pretence and possession of false document.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Ajibade Wasiu Oladotun sometimes in the month of March 2017, at Ile-Ife in Osun State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, did obtain by false pretence the sum of \$2,300 (Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars) from one Chris Odom who resides in the United States of America, under the pretence that you are a woman named Lola Parker, ready to marry him and that the money was to be part of the air ticket from KLM flight from Lagos, Nigeria to Seattle in the United States of America, which 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, 2006".

Oladotun pleaded "not guilty" to the charges.

Prosecuting counsel, Adeola Elumaro, thereafter, applied for a trial date and for the defendant to be remanded in prison custody.

However, counsel for the defendant, Babafemi Iyiola, moved his bail application.

Justice Onyetenu granted the defendant bail in the sum of N20 million

and two sureties in like sum, one of whom must be a civil servant not below grade level 14.

The case has been adjourned to February 26, 2019 for trial, and the defendant remanded in prison custody pending when he meets the bail conditions.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3654-efcc-arraigns-man-for-love-scam>

18 JAN 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

EFCC Arrests Six Suspected Internet Fraudsters

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have arrested six suspected Internet fraudsters in separate raids carried out at various times across a number of locations in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.

The suspects: Chemezie Valentine Ezeife, Onwochei Chibuzor John, Onwochei Joel, Marvin Nwankwo, Prince Ojenike, and Jude Olatekobowale, were arrested following a tip-off.

Ezeife was arrested on January 16, 2019 at the Life Camp residential area in Abuja, following intelligence reports of shady activities traced to him. Among items recovered from him were a Mercedes Benz C300, Toyota Camry and Lexus Jeep, Seagate hard drive, four laptop computers, an ECOWAS international passport, various wrist watches, two iPhones and blackberry phones, and a Samsung phone. Several suspicious emails were also traced to his account.

Investigation into the activities of another syndicate traced to the Nova Estate in Apo, led to the arrest of Joel and John (both brothers). John the younger of the brothers confessed that he got involved in Internet fraud as a student of the Delta State University.

He successfully defrauded one Miss Lynese from Zambia, using Facebook, in the guise that he was one Carlos Gomes, a British citizen. Among items found in his possession were an iPhone 6 and iPhone 7, and he confessed to having a landed property in Benin, Edo State, all of which he acquired for N1 million he made from Internet fraud. Two laptop computers, a white Range Rover Sport, white Mercedes Benz E350, and a grey Toyota Camry.

His brother Joel confessed that he got into yahoo yahoo through his brother, and asked him to teach him how to go about love scam.

"Thereafter, I tried to create an email account, but I was unsuccessful", he said, adding that his younger brother bought him a wrist watch worth N6, 000, which he is willing to forfeit to the government, "if given the opportunity".

The residence of a seventh suspect, Owotomo Tomilola Sunday, 22, was also raided at the Gwarimpa axis following tip-off of his shady activities, and is suspected to be into "Yahoo Plus", also called "Wire Wire". He is involved with hackers who compromise e-mail of multinationals and other prominent companies.

Among items recovered from Owotomo who is currently at large, are two Bugatti cars, a Mercedes Benz GLK, Mercedes Benz car, Porsche, \$49,000 and duplex worth N300 million.

They will be charged to Court as soon as investigations are concluded.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3645-efcc-arrests-six-suspected-internet-fraudsters>

18 JAN 2018

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

EFCC Arraigns Man for Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC Ibadan Zonal Office on January 17, 2019 arraigned one Afolabi Ridwan before Justice P. I. Ajoku of the Federal High Court sitting in Ibadan, Oyo State on a six-count charge bordering on money laundering and possession of documents containing false pretence.

One of the counts reads: "That you Afolabi Ridwan, (Joseph Ahmedu and others at large) in 2018 within jurisdiction of this Federal High Court, conspired to directly take possession from persons unknown residing outside Nigeria of monies, which to your knowledge were proceeds of unlawful acts and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 18(a) of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 as amended by the Money Laundering (Prohibition) (Amendment) Act, 2012 and punishable under Section 15 (2)(d) and (3) of the 2012 Act".

He pleaded "not guilty" to all the charges preferred against him.

Prosecuting counsel, Harrison Ibekwute, thereafter, applied for a trial date and urged the court to remand the defendant in prison custody.

However, counsel for the defendant, Austin Fajugbagbe, informed the court that he had an application for the bail of his client.

While adjourning to March 11, 2019 for "commencement of trial", Justice Ajoku fixed January 25, 2019 for hearing of the bail application and ordered that the defendant be remanded at Agodi Prison.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3644-efcc-arraigns-man-for-fraud-4>

17 JAN 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

Love Scam: Fraudster Bags 12 Months Jail Term

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Benin Zonal Office on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 secured the conviction of one Onovo Osita Malachy at the Federal High Court sitting in Benin City, Edo State.

The convict was arraigned on a one-count charge bordering on obtaining by false pretence. He was said to have fraudulently obtained the sum of \$140,000 (One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars) from a foreigner through a love scam.

Upon arraignment, the defendant pleaded "guilty" to the charge.

The charge reads: "That you Onovo Osita Malachy on or about 4th day of July 2017 in Benin Edo State within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, did by means of fraudulent trick to wit: love scam on a dating site obtained the sum of \$140,000 only from Helen Wang and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 421 of the Criminal Code Act CAP C38 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004."

Based on his plea, the prosecuting counsel, Larry Aso Peters, prayed the court to convict and sentence the defendant accordingly.

The defence counsel, I. U. Uchechukwu pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy as the defendant "has become remorseful".

Justice A. A. Demi-Ajayi sentenced the defendant to 12 months imprisonment. The convict is also to forfeit all assets traced to him including an uncompleted building and a Toyota Camry 2007 model to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3634-love-scam-fraudster-bags-12-months-jail-term>

16 JAN 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

EFCC Arraigns Two for Internet Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Enugu Zonal Office on January 15, 2019 arraigned two suspected fraudsters, Nnamdi Madu, 24, and Darlington Ifeakachi Nwali, 24, before Justice A.M. Liman of the Federal High Court, Enugu on a 10-count charge bordering on "intent to defraud and possession of fraudulent documents containing false pretences" 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.

They were arrested on December 14, 2018 during a raid on the hideout of several members of a syndicate of fraudsters operating within Enugu metropolis mostly made up of University students and dropouts, who were observed to be living flamboyantly, above their means of livelihood.

Analysis carried out by the Commission on the computers of the suspected fraudsters revealed a number of incriminating documents intended to be used in swindling unsuspecting foreigners. Some documents in the recovered computers of the suspects were titled "SPANISH HASTING WARD CAREY & CHAMBERS," "CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A PRIVATE COMPANY" "AILEEN" intended to be sent out using fake or stolen identities.

Some other items recovered from them include, various ATM cards, a Toyota Venza with a National Association of Nigerian Student (NANS) number plate, Toyota Avalon, four laptops, several mobile phones, substances suspected to be charms, and wraps of Indian hemp among others. One of the defendants who trained as a science lab technician and who recently got a job at one of the teaching hospitals in Enugu was found to be the owner of a filling station in an outskirt of Enugu.

They pleaded "not guilty" to charges when they were read to them.

Defence counsel, Ndubuisi Nwaokporo, thereafter, moved motion for their bail, which was not opposed by the prosecuting counsel, Innocent Mbachie.

Justice Liman, thereafter, granted bail in the sum of N500, 000 each, and one surety in like sum, who must have landed properties within the jurisdiction of the Court.

While adjourning to January 21, 2019 for "commencement of trial", Justice Liman, ordered that they should be remanded in prison custody pending when they meet the terms of their bail.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3629-efcc-arraigns-two-for-internet-fraud-2>

14 JAN 2019

From the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission:

EFCC Arrests Three Internet Fraudster

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Port Harcourt Zonal Office, have arrested three suspected internet fraudsters in a sting operation.

The suspects: Aduagwe Rex Odinaka(aka Alhaji Ugly Rex), Igwe Prince Chukwuebuka (aka Trad Marley) and Ifeanyi Nicholas Chukwulenwa, were arrested in Omoku, Rivers State.

Preliminary investigations showed that Chukwuebuka and Chukwulenwa were into romance and dating scams and had successfully defrauded three Americans in the process.

Odinaka, on his part, engaged in "laundering of fraudulently obtained gift cards", specifically iTunes and Amazon cards.

The suspects are operating in a syndicate. Other members of the syndicate are being tracked and funds fraudulently realized from the scam are also being tracked. The suspects would soon be charged to court.

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

<https://efccnigeria.org/efcc/news/3620-efcc-arrests-three-internet-fraudster>

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