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IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT IN THE LAGOS JUDICIAL DIVISON HOLDEN AT LAGOS

SUITNO. 17/2/2

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY ADEDOYIN ADEWOYE

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE) RULES, 2009 MADE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA PURSUANT TO SECTION 46(3) OF THE 1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (AS AMENDED).

BETWEEN

ADEDOYIN ADEWOYE

FHC/L/CS/17/2/24

AND

- 1. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
- 2. SHAIBU ABDULFATAI
- CHINEDU OKO (COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ALAGBON)
- 4. TERRY EKANEM
- 5. MULTI GLOBAL VISA ULTIMATE LIMITED
- 6. ANUOLUWAPO ELIZABETH BABALOLA

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ORIGINATING MOTION ON NOTICE BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SECTION 35 OF THE 1999 CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED; ORDER II RULES 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE) RULES 2009; AND UNDER THE INHERENT JURISDICTION OF THE HONOURABLE COURT

 A DECLARATION that the purported invitation dated September 18, 2024 sent via WhatsApp to the Applicant, through telephone Number 08034514124, showing the 2nd Respondent, at the behest of the 4th and 5th Respondents, is null and void and constitutes a violation or threatened violation of the Applicant's fundamental rights guaranteed by Section 35 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (Ratification and Enforcement) Act Cap 10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.

- 2. A DECLARATION that the Invitation Letter dated September 18, 2024 sent via Whatapp to the Applicant via telephone Number 08034514124, showing the 2nd Respondent, at the behest of the 4th and 5th Respondents, without a copy or detail of the petition to which it allegedly relates and without the name and the designation of the police officer sending the invite constitutes a violation or threatened violation of the Applicant's fundamental rights guaranteed by Section 35 (2) (3) and 36 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (Ratification and Enforcement) Act Cap 10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.
- 3. A DECLARATION that the action of the 1st -3rd Respondents in threatening to compel the Applicant to attend a police invite which was not properly addressed or clarified and through a person who failed to identify himself and rank in the police force constitutes a violation or threatened violation of the Applicant's fundamental rights guaranteed by Section 35 (2) (3) and 36 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (Ratification and Enforcement) Act Cap 10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004
- 4. A DECLARATION that the actions of the 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents in threatening, harassing, and intimidating the Applicant and further using the 1st-3rd Respondents to unlawfully threaten to harass, intimidate, arrest and detain the Applicant in respect of an issue which is a subject of investigation by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency and the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State is unlawful, unjustifiable, illegal and unconstitutional having regard to the facts and circumstances of this case.
- 5. AN ORDER of PERPETUAL INJUNCTION restraining the Respondents, whether by themselves or their privies, officers, agents, principals or representatives, from further harassing, intimidating, inviting and/or attempting to further harass, intimidate, invite, interrogate, question, arrest and/or detain the Applicant at the behest of the 4th and 5th Respondents, in connection with the subject of investigation by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency and the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State.
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- 7. AN ORDER mandating the 4th Respondent to honour the invitation of the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, to answer to the Applicant's complaint of sexual assault and rape and to ventilate whatever grievance he may have through the same office of the Police Force.
- The sum of N100,000,000.00 (Hundred Million Naira) as general damages against the Respondent s jointly and severally.
- AND FOR SUCH FURTHEROR OTHERORDERS as this Honourable Court may deem fit and/or necessary to make in the circumstances of this Suit.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the hearing of this Originating Motion, the Applicant shall rely and found upon all the process documents filed by the Applicant hereof before this Honourable Court.

GROUNDS FOR THIS APPLICATION

- The Applicant had approached the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (LSDSVA) to complain of sexual assault and rape against the 4th Respondent who referred the matter to the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State in a referral letter dated the 31st day of July 2024.
- The 4th Respondent has been invited by the police on several occasions for the purpose
 of carrying out investigation on the allegations but he has vehemently refused to honour
 the invitation of the police on the excuse that he has been out of the country.
- 3. The Applicant had also sent an official letter of demand to the 4th and 5th Respondent s dated 9th September 2024 at his office address. Upon receipt of the said letter, the 4th Respondent's secretary M.s Anuoluwapo Elizabeth Babalola issued threats to the Applicant counsel's litigation clerk stating how the Applicant would be dealt with as she feels she knows it all.
- Rather than responding to the letter, the 4th Respondent sent various voice notes with threats in a bid to dissuade the Applicant from going further with her complaints an demands. The Applicant's counsel replied to the voice notes via the letter 17th September, 2024.
- Rather than responding to police invitation and the Applicant's counsel letter, the 4th and 5th Respondents have resorted to the threat to use the 1st -3rd Respondents to arrest, detain and deal with the Applicant for daring to complain about the actions of the 4th Respondent.
- The Applicant was sent a purported police invite via a whatsapp message on the 18th of September 2024 by a number which failed to identify the officer. Truecaller however shows that the officer was Shaibu Abdulfatai, the 2nd Respondent.
- The Applicant was not given a properly signed invite with the designation of the police
 officer who authorized the invite and when requested for proper description for security
 purposes, she was threatened by the 2nd Respondent.

- 8. The conduct of the 4th and 5th Respondents in intimidating, and harassing and enlisting the 1st-3rd Respondents to threaten the Applicant constitute a severe breach or likelihood of breach of the Applicants' rights to liberty, freedom of movement and fair hearing as guaranteed by the sections 35 and 36 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Article 6 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- The purported petition upon which the Respondents are acting to intimidate, harass, threaten arrest and detention of the Applicant is malicious and predicated on falsehood, a fact which is known or ought reasonably to be known by the Respondents.
- 10. The Applicant's mental health has been deeply affected as a result of the constant intimidation and harassment by the Respondents. It will be in the interest of justice for this Honourable Court to expeditiously intervene in order to protect the Applicant's fundamental rights in accordance with the Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules, 2009.

Dated this 23 Day of 2024

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STATEMENT OF APPLICANT
MADE PURSUANT TO ORDER II
RULES (3) OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
(ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE) RULES, 2009

NAMES, PARTICULARS AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANTS

- The Applicant is an office employee. The Applicant's address is located at No 6B Olabanji Olajide Street Lekki Phase 1, Lagos state.
- RELIEFS SOUGHT

The reliefs sought by the Applicant in this action are set out hereunder:

- a. A DECLARATION that the purported invitation dated September 18, 2024 sent via WhatsApp to the Applicant, through telephone Number 08034514124, showing the 2nd Respondent, at the behest of the 4th and 5th Respondents is null and void and constitutes a violation or threatened violation of the Applicant's fundamental rights guaranteed by Section 35 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (Ratification and Enforcement) Act Cap 10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.
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- AND FOR SUCH FURTHEROR OTHER ORDERS as this Honourable Court may deem fit and/or necessary to make in the circumstances of this Suit.

GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE RELIEFS ARE SOUGHT

- a) The Applicant had approach the domestic agency to complain of a crime The Applicant had approached the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (LSDSVA) to complain of sexual assault and rape against the 4th Respondent who referred the matter to the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State in a referral letter dated the 31st day of July 2024.
- b) The 4th Respondent has been invited by the police on several occasions for the purpose of carrying out investigation on the allegations but he has vehemently refused to honour the invitation of the police on the excuse that he has been out of the country.
- c) The Applicant had also sent an official letter of demand to the 4th and 5th Respondent s dated 9th September 2024 at his office address. Upon receipt of the said letter, the 4th Respondent's secretary M.s Anuoluwapo Elizabeth Babalola issued threats to the Applicant counsel's litigation clerk stating how the Applicant would be dealt with as she feels she knows it all.
- d) Rather than responding to the letter, the 4th Respondent sent various voicenotes with threats in a bid to dissuade the Applicant from going further with her complaints an demands. The Applicant's counsel replied to the voice notes via the letter 17th September, 2024.

- e) Rather than responding to police invitation and the Applicant's counsel letter, the 4th and 5th Respondents have resorted to the threat to use the 1st -3rd Respondents to arrest, detain and deal with the Applicant for daring to complain about the actions of the 4th Respondent.
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Dated this 3. Day of 2024

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION ON NOTICE

I, Adedoyin Adewoye, Female, Nigerian of Plot 6B Olabanji Olajide Street, Lekki Scheme 1, Lagos, do hereby make oath and state as follows:

- I am the Applicant herein, by virtue of which I am conversant with the facts deposed herein.
- The facts deposed herein are facts within my knowledge which I surely believe to be true and correct.

- The 1st Respondent is the Inspector General of Police, the head of the Nigeria Police Force under whose control are the 2nd and 3rd Respondents.
- The 5th Respondent was my employer and the 4th Respondent, its Managing Director/CEO. The 6th Respondent is their secretary.
- On 18th September, 2024 I received a WhatsApp Message purporting to invite me for investigation by the police at Alagbon. The invitation did not state the name and rank of the officer sending it but Truecaller, an app that identifies callers, however shows that the officer was Shaibu Abdulfatai, the 2nd Respondent.
- 6. The invitation letter also did not have the signature page and therefore, there was no way of knowing who signed the letter with a view to verifying its authenticity. As a result of this, I sent a response to the unknown person requesting identification and a complete letter that carries the legitimate signature of a recognized police officer.
- 7. Rather than responding to my legitimate enquiry, the 2nd Respondent (as I later found out) threatened me. He stated, amongst other things, that '...you want to tell me you know it all?' Attached herein and marked <u>Exhibit A</u> is a copy of the Whatsapp Correspondence between me and the 2nd Respondent.
- The 2nd Respondent's statement as stated above, reminded me of the 4th and 5th
 Respondent's threat which was earlier issued to me. I immediately believed that the
 4th Respondent must have employed the 2nd Respondent using the same language to
 describe me.
- The threat described above is not unconnected with my case against the 4th Respondent and by extension, the 5th Respondent.
- 10. Sometime in July, 2024, I approached the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) to complain of sexual assault and rape against the 4th Respondent. The matter was subsequently referred to the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State in a referral letter dated the 31st day of July 2024. Attached herein and marked <u>Exhibit</u> B is a copy of the referral letter and the minutes thereon.
- 11. The 4th Respondent has been invited by the police on several occasions for the purpose of carrying out investigation on my complaint but he has vehemently refused to honour the invitation of the police on the excuse that he has been out of the country. As an untouchable Lord that he claims he is, rather than responding to the police, he has decided to use the same police to intimidate me by orchestrating the unlawful invitation described above.

- 13. As we continued to wait for the 4th Respondent to honour the invitation in respect of my complaint, my legal team advised that my complaints also gives me a right to make a civil claim. Hence, on 9th September 2024, my lawyers sent a demand to the 4th and 5th Respondents which are a legal condition for doing so. Upon receipt of the said letter, the 4th Respondent's secretary Ms Anuoluwapo Elizabeth Babalola issued threats my counsel's litigation clerk stating how the 4th Respondent would deal with me because I feel I 'know it all', the same refrain used by the 2nd Respondent. Attached herein and marked <u>Exhibit C</u> is a copy of the said letter, the content of which are reproduced and affirmed herein.
- 14. Rather than responding my counsel's letter, the 4th Respondent sent me various voice notes on 13th September, 2024 with implicit threats in a bid to dissuade me from going further with my complaints and demands.
- 15. In the said Voice Notes, the 4th Respondent acknowledged knowledge of my complaint and demand. He did not deny having sexual intercourse with me but falsely claimed that we were in a relationship and that he was in love with me. He also threatened that I had sent him nude photographs which he has and may disclose.
- 16. I immediately forwarded the Voice Notes to my counsel, who replied to them via the letter 17th September, 2024. In the said letter, I denied the false claim of love and challenged the 4th Respondent to disclose the purported nude photographs of me he claims he has. Attached herein and marked <u>Exhibit D</u> is a copy of the said letter, the content of which are reproduced and affirmed herein.
- 17. Rather than responding to police invitation and my demand, the 4th and 5th Respondents have resorted to the threat to use the 1st -3rd Respondents to arrest, detain and deal with me for daring to complain and share the experience I had with the 4th Respondent to the agency charged by Lagos State with the duty to investigate my complaints.
- 18. My mental health has been deeply affected as a result of the constant intimidation and harassment by the Respondents. My crime is that I dared to report my experience with the 4th Respondent to the appropriate authority for investigation and made demand in line with the civil procedure rules. The 4th Respondent has not even honoured the invitation of the Police investigating my case but the same Police is now being threatened to be used to intimidate me into oblivion and silence.
- 19. It has now dawned on me why victims fail to report incidents such as the experience I had with the 4th Respondent. This Honourable Court is my only hope against the brazen actions of the 4th Respondent.

- It will be in the interest of justice for this Honourable Court to expeditiously intervene in order to protect my right to cry after being severely beaten and shattered against the 4th and 5th Respondent.
- I depose to this Affidavit in good faith believing same to be true in accordance with the Oaths Act now in force.

DEPONENT

SWORN TO at the Federal High Court Registry

BEFORE ME,

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

IKOYI, L4.003

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WRITTEN ADDRESS IN SUPPORT OF ORIGINATING APPLICATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Written Address is in support of the Applicant's Originating Motion ("Motion" or "Application") and brought pursuant to Sections 35, 36 and 46(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 ("1999 Constitution") and Order II Rule 1 of the Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules, 2009 ("Fundamental Rights Rules"). In support of the application, the Applicants' had filed a Statement which was made in compliance to Order II Rule 3 of the Fundamental Rights Rules, 2009.

The application is supported by an 11 paragraphed Affidavit deposed to by the Applicant. We rely on the depositions contained in the said supporting Affidavit and the documents exhibited to same.

2. ISSUES FOR DETERMINATION

1.1 In our respectful view, the issue for determination by this Honourable Court, are:

Whether the Applicant's fundamental rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 ("1999 Constitution") has been wrongfully and unlawfully violated or threatened to be violated by the actions of the Respondents in the circumstances of this case?

3. ARGUMENTS

3.1 Section 46(1) provides that:

Any person who alleges that any of the provisions of this Chapter has been, is being or likely to be contravened in any state in relation to him may apply to a High court in that state for redress

- 3.2 The third limb of the above section gives the Applicant the right to move to the court to seek redress immediately she senses, as in the instant case, some moves on the part of the Respondents to contravene his fundamental rights. See JATAU v. A.G., & C.J., KADUNA STATE & ANOR (2021) LPELR-55758(CA).
- 3.3 In EJEH v. ALI & ORS (2022) LPELR-57593(CA), the Court of Appeal held:

"I have taken a closer look at the succinct provisions of Section 46(1) of the Constitution of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and Order II Rule 1 of the Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules 2009, and immediately apparent to me from these provisions is the settled position of the law that. unlike in other civil actions in which the remedy is attached to the wrong done, in actions for enforcement of fundamental right as guaranteed in Chapter IV of the Constitution of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), which is the basic law of the land, a breach need not have occurred or taken place before an application can be commenced to secure the protection and or enforcement of the fundamental right of the citizen from being breached. Thus, in fundamental rights enforcement, the mere likelihood of arrest would suffice to ground an action. See Section 46 (1) of the Constitution of Nigeria 1999 (as amended). See also Order II Rule 1 of the Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules 2009, and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Right Ratification and Enforcement Act." Per BIOBELE ABRAHAM GEORGEWILL, JCA (Pp 54 -55 Paras C - C)

In OHANEDUM & ANOR v. C.O.P (IMO STATE) & ORS (2015) LPELR-24318(CA), it was held thus:

"Section 46(1) of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria, as amended, says: "Any person who alleges that any of the provisions of this chapter has been, is being or is likely to be contravened in any State in relation to him may apply to High Court for redress. "Thus, apart from actual acts of violation of Sections 33 to 44 of the Constitution, which form the chapter 4 (Fundamental Rights) of the Constitution, the law allows a person who apprehends a likelihood of a breach of his said rights to apply for redress." Per ITA GEORGE MBABA, JCA (Pp 40 - 40 Paras B - D)

See also RHODES & ANOR v. IGP & ORS (2018) LPELR-44118(CA) and NGEME v. IGP & ORS (2022) LPELR-59025(CA)

- 3.4 The factual circumstances of this Application are captured in the Statement and the Affidavit in support of the Motion on Notice which are reproduced herein. The summary of the facts is that the 4th and 5th Respondent employed the services of the 1st_3rd Respondents as agents to silence the Applicant in respect of her complaints against the 4th Respondent and claim against the 4th and 5th Respondents. In doing so, the Respondents have demonstrated that they have no regards to due process of law. This can be seen from the various threats issued by the 4th and 5th Respondents and the 2rd Respondent as well as the manner in which the 1st_3rd Respondents have chosen to get the Applicant to Alagbon. The invitation was sent via a strange number by someone who refused to identify himself by his name and rank. The invitation itself did not reveal the signatory.
- 3.5 Furthermore, the 4th Respondent, who has refused to honour the invitation of the 1st Respondent in respect of the complaint made by the Applicant without any consequence, has turned around to use the same 1st Respondent to haunt the Applicant. The 4th Respondent had claimed he was out of the country but one wonders how he was able to adopt a petition to invite the Applicant in a surreptitious manner. If it is true that the 4th Respondent is not in the country, it means that he must have activated the 1st-3rd Respondent through a phone call without regards to the complaint made against him. This is further buttressed by the lack of particulars in the purported invitation letter and confirmation of the 4th Respondent's implied threats contained in the voice notes sent to the Applicant and express threats from his secretary.
- 3.6 We respectfully submit based on the facts contained in the affidavit in support of this application, the Applicant is deserving of the reliefs sought from this Honourable Court. We refer your Lordship to the eminent reasoning of Ariwoola JCA Igwe & Ors v. Ezeanochie & Ors (Supra) where he held thus:

"I make bold to say that it is the duty of the court to grant redress to any person who has successfully proved that any of his fundamental rights has been, is being, or is likely to be contravened or infringed. The 1st Applicants through their affidavits and Exhibit proved the infringement against the Respondent s".

We urge your Lordship to so hold and grant the Applicant's reliefs.

3.7 There are six exceptions to the afore-quoted general provision of section 35 of the Constitution and we respectfully submit that none of the exception applies to the circumstances of this case. Even if the exception in Section 35(1)(c) 1999 Constitution were to apply, to wit:

"for the purpose of bringing him before a court in execution of the order of a court or upon reasonable suspicion of his having committed a criminal offence, or to such extent as may be reasonably necessary to prevent his committing a criminal offence"

We respectfully submit that there was no justifiable basis or suspicion of the commission of a crime by the Applicant for the 4th and 5th Respondent to have maliciously set in motion a mechanism for the intimidation, harassment, and unlawful threatened arrest and detention of the Applicant.

3.8 We submit further that the burden or onus of justifying that the Respondents are acting upon a reasonable suspicion of the commission of an offence is on the Respondents. Instructive on this point is the authority of Fajemirokun v. C.B (C.L) Nig Ltd (2002) 10 NWLR (Pt.774)95 C.A where the Court of Appeal held that:

"Where there is evidence of arrest and detention of an 1st Applicant which were done or instigated by the Respondent in action for enforcement of fundamental rights application, it is for the Respondent to show that the arrest and detention were lawful. In other words, the onus is on the person who admits detention of another to prove that detention was lawful"

- 3.9 What redress option does the Applicant then have in the circumstance of this case. Section 46(1) of the 1999 Constitution is very explicit on the option open to the 1st Applicant. In *Uzoukwu V Ezeonu II (1991) 6 NWLR (pt.200) 708 at 761-762* Their Lordships in that case held that that the 1st Applicant only needs to prove, pursuant to Section 46(1) of the 1999 Constitution, that his fundamental rights under Chapter IV of the Constitution has been contravened or is likely to be contravened by the Respondents and he would be entitled to redress.
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CONCLUSION

In consideration of all our preceding submissions in the body of this Written Address, all of which we hereby adopt, we respectfully urge this Honourable Court to grant this Application and to answer the Issue for Determination, as framed by the Applicant, in the affirmative. There is a likelihood of breach of the Applicant's to personal liberty and fair hearing guaranteed by Section 35, 36 and 45 of the 1999 Constitution as amended.

Dated this Day of 2024

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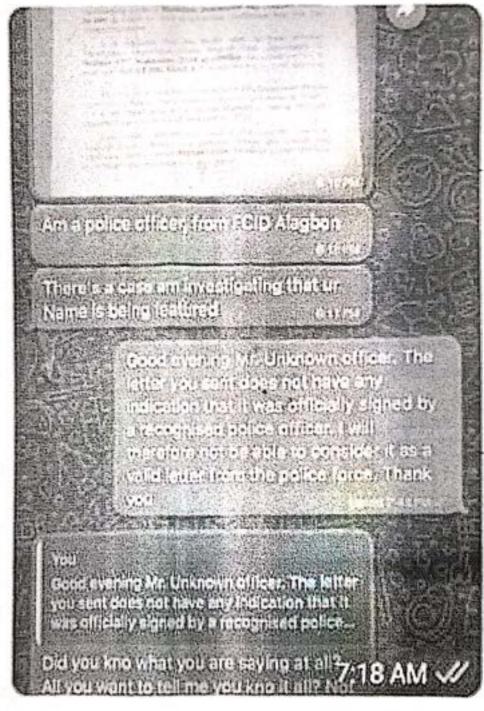
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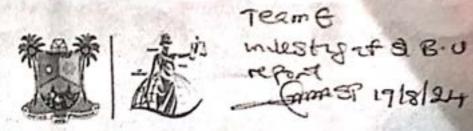
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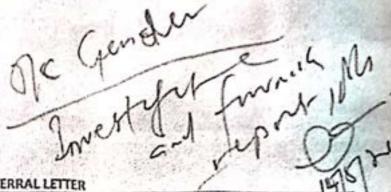




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Attention: Officer-in-Charge, Gender Desk.



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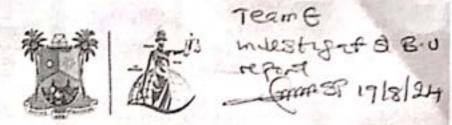
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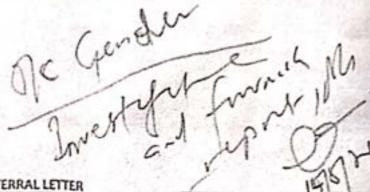


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The Managing Director Multi Global Visa Ultimate Ltd Valley view plaza, 99 Opebi Road Opebi Allen Ikeja Lagos

Attention: Terry Ekanem

Dear Sir,

DEMAND FOR PUBLIC APOLOGY AND DAMAGES FOR BATTERY, SEXUAL ASSAULT, NEGLIGENCE, AND BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AGAINST MR. TERRY EKANEM AND MULTI GLOBAL VISA ULTIMATE LIMITED

We are counsel to Adedoyin Adewoye (hereinafter referred to as."our client") on whose instructions we write to you regarding the above -referenced subject matter.

Our client informed us as follows:

- On 11th June 2024, our client received a text from the company, through your secretary, Ms. Anuoluwapo Elizabeth Babalola, inviting her for an interview scheduled for Thursday, 13th June 2024, at 9.00 AM at Valley View Plaza ,99 Opebi Road, Opebi- Allen, Ikeja Lagos for the role of a Front Desk Representative.
- 2. During the interview, our client was unexpectedly interviewed for the role of a Sales Representative, contrary to the Front Desk Representative role for which she had applied. As a result, she declined the offer letter. She however was subsequently interviewed via telephone phone calls and eventually agreed to work as a freelance agent for the company.
- 3. On 20th June 2024, you initiated a three-way call between yourself, our client, and your secretary. In the said call, you informed her of the monthly target required of the job, which she immediately refused. She later sent a WhatsApp message to your secretary stating that she could not commit to meeting the target. Your secretary advised her to inform you directly, which she did.
- 4. Our client made fliers in order to advertise and promote your company as an agent as she was unable to make use of your company's fliers thereby doing her job diligently and working effectively to ensure due commitment to your company.

- 5. During the subsequent interview, you informed our client of your intention to open a new branch in Victoria Island and expressed a desire for her to oversee the branch and conduct interviews for potential hires. An agreement was eventually reached that she would act as an agent for the company until you return to Nigeria and the opening of the new office in Victoria Island.
- On 18th July 2024, you sent our client a WhatsApp message informing her that you
 were in the country and wished to meet with her and your secretary at the
 Watercress Hotel to discuss the opening of the Victoria Island branch.
- 7. On that Sunday, our client missed a call from you while attending church. After the service, she returned your call and inquired about your availability, which you affirmed via WhatsApp. You then requested that she come to the hotel for the meeting, supposedly to be held with your secretary as well.
- When our client attempted to book a ride, she noticed the high fare and informed you. You insisted she proceed with the booking, assuring her that you would cover the cost.
- 9. Upon arriving at the Watercress Hotel, you instructed that she should come to room 603. She initially declined and requested that the meeting take place in the hotel lobby. However, you reassured her that your secretary was already nearby and would join the meeting soon. Based on this assurance, she proceeded to the room.
- 10. Upon entering, you opened the door and welcomed her, and she sat on the chair facing the desk. Shortly after, you attempted to pull her onto the bed, instructing her to make herself comfortable. She resisted and questioned what was happening. Without warning, you removed your clothes and locked the door as she tried to leave.
- 11. You then stated in your very own words, "Leave to where you that I've had you in mind since and I have been planning this for a while and hence you would not be going anywhere". Despite her pleas for mercy, and her attempt to appeal to your conscience by asking you to consider her as your daughter, you refused. Trapped at the Corner of the bed and the desk, she struggled to free herself. As she attempted to run to the door, you pursued her; violently pulling off her wig and loosening the locks on her hair, causing her immense pain.
- 12. You overpowered her, continuing to strangle her until she was gasping for breath. You threw her onto the bed, pinned her down, and sexually assaulted her by having carnal knowledge of her without her consent.

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- 13. Despite her efforts to resist, you forcibly continued, ejaculating inside her. Due to her struggle, some of the semen spilled onto her underwear. After the assault, you lay beside her.
- 14. Through her tears, she confronted you, asking why you had raped her. You responded, stating that you had been so horny and had desired her for a long time. When she tried to leave, you insisted she stay, claiming your secretary had not yet arrived. In fear and trembling considering the violence you had done to her, she waited.
- 15. Eventually, your secretary, Anuoluwapo Elizabeth Babalola, arrived at the hotel carrying a pink box, like she was coming for a weekend getaway. At that moment, our client realized that there had never been a legitimate meeting to discuss the opening of the alleged Victoria Island branch, nor any other business matter.

In light of the above, our client believes that she was lured to the hotel under the false pretense of a company meeting, only to be sexually assaulted, battered, and violated. Looking back at the events staring from the first interview and subsequent interviews and discussions with you, it is clear that there was never any meaningful desire to offer her a job. The interview, appointment as agent, and purported opening of Victoria Island branch were all a smokescreen to have carnal knowledge of our client without her consent.

This heinous act was facilitated by the company's failure in its fiduciary duty and negligence, creating the environment that enabled this exploitation. Our client would not have gone to the hotel if not for the assurance that Anuoluwapo Elizabeth Babalola, the secretary, would be present for the supposed meeting. The company also allowed you to use a phantom interview for ulterior motives which have cost our client dearly.

Our client suffered severe emotional, psychological, and physical distress, which has resulted in significant medical expenses, including therapy and counseling. Additionally, the incident has affected our client's ability to work and engage in everyday activities and she is in dire need of medical and therapeutic support.

We are therefore instructed by our client to demand the following:

- A public apology published in a national newspaper.
- b. Medical and therapeutic support.
- Compensation in the sum of N500, 000,000 (Five Hundred Million Naira).

Please be advised that failure to comply with these demands within seven (7) days from the receipt of this letter will result in legal action against you personally and the company. We were also instructed to report this incident to regulatory agencies and other appropriate authorities to expose what our client believes is the company's role in

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using interviews as a pretext to lure innocent women into harmful situations including rape and sexual assault.

We trust you will treat this matter with the urgency it deserves.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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We refer to our letter regarding the above subject, dated and received by you on 9th September 2024.

We note that the seven (7) days provided for a response in our previous letter have elapsed without any formal reply. However, our client has forwarded to us the voice note: you sent her via WhatsApp on 13th September 2024, which we consider to be an autormal and implied response to her claim.

In the voice notes, you acknowledged receipt of our letter and asserted, among other things, that you were in a romantic relationship with our client, claiming that you had met her at other hotels prior to the one in question to the knowledge of other third parties. Additionally, you alleged that our client sent you nude photographs, which you threatened to expose should she fail to withdraw her claim. Finally, you stated that she could not challenge you in any way.

Our client categorically denies these allegations, asserting that they are false, malicious, and purely a fabrication. She believes these claims are a deliberate attempt to misrepresent the facts and divert attention from the truth—namely, that she was sexually assaulted by you.

Our client challenges you to substantiate your threat by producing the nude photographs you claim she sent, as well as any evidence of meetings that took place outside of your office or at the hotel on the date of the incident in question.





while we are in the process of preparing appropriate legal action, as referenced in our previous correspondence, please be informed that we regard the voice notes as direct threats against our client. Consequently, we will be forwarding them to the relevant security agencies for appropriate action. Our client has also been advised to pursue any legal measures necessary to ensure her protection from these threats, which may include making the voice notes and related information public.

Kindly consider this letter a reminder of our demands as outlined in our previous correspondence. We are under instruction to initiate legal proceedings 7 days from your receipt of this letter if no formal response is received, without further recourse to you.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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