Man bags 10 years jail term over sexual assault on minor

Date: 2024-12-13

Source: https://guardian.ng/news/nigeria/metro/man-bags-10-years-jail-term-over-sexual-assault-on-minor/

A Lagos Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court sitting in Ikeja has sentenced one Bamidele Folorunsho to 10 years in prison for indecent treatment and sexual assault on a minor.  
  
The Guardian gathered that the convict allegedly rubbed the victim’s anus as well as fondled her breasts with his hands.  
  
The trial judge, Rahman Oshodi sentenced the convict after finding him guilty of a two-count amended charge brought against him by the state government.  
  
  
  
The prosecuting counsel, O.Aluko had told the court that the convict defiled a 12 year old girl sometime in February 2018.  
  
The convict pleaded not guilty to the charges when he was first arraigned in October 2021.  
  
He, however, pleaded guilty to two-count amended charges bordering on indecent harassment of a child when he was re-arraigned on December 11, 2024.  
  
He was said to have sexually assaulted the 12 years old survivor.  
  
His offence is contrary to sections 135 and 263 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015.  
  
Aluko, therefore, told the court that both parties have entered a plea bargain agreement dated December 12, 2024.  
  
The counsel told the court that the plea bargain required filing an amended charge, and prayed the court that the charge be read to the defendant.  
  
The judge asked the defendant whether he understood the contents of his guilty plea and the obligation of the court to give out the maximum sentences on the charges.  
  
Bamidele affirmed that he made the plea bargain voluntary and under caution, and was satisfied by the advice of his counsel.  
  
His submission was corroborated by the defendant counsel, M.I Alagbala who pleaded with the court to accept the plea bargain.  
  
Earlier during proceedings, Aluko told the court that a sentence of 10 years imprisonment was approved by the Director of Public Prosecution, Dr Babajide Martins.  
  
Aluko further said that the prosecution did not call any witnesses before the defendant accepted the plea bargain agreement, noting that he was remanded on March 22, 2018.  
  
Justice Oshodi, therefore, sentenced the convict to 10 years imprisonment.  
  
He said: “I have found you guilty based on your plea in the amended information dated December 11, 2024.  
  
I have carefully considered the plea bargain agreement and your show of remorse.  
  
“I sentenced you to 10 years imprisonment which will commence from March 22, 2018, and your name should be registered as a sex offender.