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An Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court will on January 26 deliver judgment in the charge of rape of an assistant pastor and one other (names withheld) brought against a Lagos bishop, Oluwafeyiropo Daniel.  
  
The trial judge, Justice Rahman Oshodi fixed the date after counsels in the matter had adopted their final written addresses.  
  
Daniel, who is the Bishop of I Reign Christian Ministry, pleaded not guilty to the amended four-count charge bordering on rape, sexual assault and attempted rape brought against him by Lagos State.  
  
The defendant allegedly committed the offence sometime in June, 2020, at Ikota Villa Estate, Lekki, Lagos.  
  
The defence counsel, Fola Awonusi, in his final written address, urged the court to discharge and acquit the defendant.  
  
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Awonusi argued that the documents presented before the court showed malice and financial gains on the part of the alleged survivors.  
  
He also stated that there are contradictions in the evidences given by the prosecution witnesses.  
  
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He urged the court to discountenance the evidence of the prosecution witness and acquit the defendant.  
  
State counsel, Babajide Boye, however, urged the court to convict the defendant accordingly as charged.  
  
Boye, in his final written address, argued that there was evidence of struggle that the defendant forced himself on the survivors.  
  
He said the contradictions, which the defence argued about were immaterial and of no value in the matter.  
  
“In line with our argument, we urged the court to convict the defendant of the four-count charge.  
  
“We have established sexual assault and attempted rape. We urge the court to convict the defendant accordingly”, he pleaded with the court.  
  
According to the prosecution, the alleged offences contravene Sections 260 (2), 262 and 263 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.