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A Lagos State Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court sitting in Ikeja yesterday sentenced one Chigozie Bright to 18 years imprisonment for sexual assault on a 14-year-old girl (name withheld).  
  
The incident occurred between year 2013 and April 2016 at No. 19 Akinola Aguda Street, Surulere, Lagos.  
  
Justice Rahman Oshodi convicted the defendant of a three-count amended charge brought against him by the prosecution, B. E. Okeowo .  
  
The convict was first charged of defilement through one count information dated May 8, 2017 before justice Sybil Nwaka, now Justice of the Appeal Court.  
  
He pleaded not guilty.  
  
He was re-arraigned before Justice Rahman Oshodi on April 25, 2022 and he pleaded not guilty.  
  
On September 27, 2024 the prosecution counsel, B.E Okeowo, informed the court that both parties had entered a plea bargain agreement dated and filled on September 27, 2024.  
  
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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.  
  
Chigozie admitted he made the plea bargain voluntarily and was satisfied by the advice of his counsel.  
  
The Prosecution counsel B.E Okeowo urged the court to convict and sentence the defendant according to the plea bargain agreement.  
  
Oshodi sentenced the defendant to 18-years imprisonment according to plea bargain agreement.  
  
“Chigozie Bright, I find you guilty of an attempt to commit sexual assault by penetration, sexual assault, assault contrary to sections 262, 263, 172 of the criminal law of Lagos State.