

## **LAWYERS ALERT PARTNERS WITH THE MoJ AND SECURES THE CONVICTION OF A RAPIST IN MAKURDI AND OTHER LEGAL REPRESENTATION STORIES**

Lawyers Alert in the last three years, following the rape and abandonment of a 13 year old in an uncompleted building deployed its lawyers to work with the police and the ministry of justice in ensuring justice was done.

As against the usual average length of seven years for rape trials, we are happy to announce that on the 30th of October 2023, we secured a conviction and sentencing of the perpetrator to 6 years in prison. Lawyers Alert is not pleased with the length of trial which is inadequate considering the age of the victim and circumstances, but we nevertheless recognise that the conviction will not only encourage other survivors to come forward and report violations, but also serve as a deterrent to would-be perpetrators that ultimately, the long arm of the law will surely catch up with them. The effect of rape on the community is far-reaching, impacting not only the victim/survivor, but also the nation at large, leaving the survivor with psychosocial trauma, post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts. We at Lawyers Alert recognise this and this is testament to our continuous commitment and partnerships to prune violations of human rights and dignity of a person.