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The Executive Chairman

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission

Jabi Abuja

Sir

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS, UNLAWFUL INVASION OF PRIVACY, CRIMINAL
INTIMIDATION, ASSAULT AND THEFT BY OFFICIALS OF THE EFCC AGAINST
MR UGOCHUKWU EZEANYAGU AND HIS FAMILY**

1. We are solicitors and our services retained by **Ugochukwu Ezeanyugu** of No. 2, Umuobia Olokoru Estate, Umuahia, Abia State (hereinafter referred to as Our Client) and it is based on his instructions that we hereby write.
2. Our Client has briefed us and we verily believe him to be true that sometime on the 6th of December 2024 at about 2 am in the thick of the night whilst he had retired to bed with his 8 months pregnant wife, he heard very disturbing sound of barking by dogs in his compound. When he peeped through the window, he noticed a large number of armed men outside the gate of his house. The armed men were banging on the gate and shouting that he should come and open the gate. Our Client was awed and terrified, not knowing who these men were and what was their mission to his house at such an ungodly hour. Our Client refused to open the door. One of them eventually pulled down the razor security burglary on the gate, scaled the gate, forced it open for the others to enter. On entry into the compound, they again demanded that Our Client open the door to his house, which he declined. They forcefully broke down the door, gained entrance and further broke into Our Client's bedroom where he was trembling in fear with his pregnant wife.
3. We are further informed by Our Client that on entry into his room, one of them slapped him on his face for not opening his door when they asked him to open. Our Client was dragged to the sitting room with his 8 months pregnant wife and commanded to lie on the ground. They identified themselves as officials of the **Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)** supposedly from their Uyo zonal office. The men, some of them masked, were about fifteen (15) in number with some wearing EFCC labeled jackets. Not less than five (5) of them were wielding fire arms (four AK47 and a pistol). The EFCC men asked Our

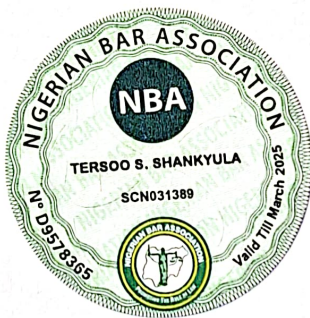
Client if he was the owner of the Mercedes SUV and a Toyota vehicle that were parked outside and he said he was the one. They told Our Client that they got intel that he was an internet fraudster and demanded to know from Our Client what he was into.

4. Our Client properly identified himself as a businessman who is into construction, installation of electrical materials such as electrical polls and transformers and the like. Our Client denied ever having anything to do with internet fraud or at all. In the process, the EFCC officials seized Our Client's phone and went through it but found nothing incriminating against him. Instead, they found proof of the legitimate business, which Our Client is into and of which he had told them. These included constructions sites and projects, which Our Client had been involved in.
5. When the said EFCC men did not find anything incriminating against Our Client, they merely tendered apology and left. To Our Client's chagrin, to round up their criminal mission, which they set out to perpetrate, as they were leaving, they shamelessly stole bottles of wine from Our Client's bar. They also slapped the security man who was on duty.
6. Our Client has further informed us that he and his 8 months pregnant wife have, since the illegal operation of the rogue EFCC officials, been in a very unstable condition, petrified and thrown into serious psychological trauma. Our Client's wife was distressed and had to be rushed to a hospital to be managed and stabilized.
7. We have the instructions of Our Client to complain to your good offices against the illegal and unlawful acts of the men of the EFCC, whether of the Umuahia zonal office or wherever they came from. We state in clear terms that every Nigerian deserves to be treated with dignity and with due regards to his or her constitutionally guaranteed rights. The criminal trespass of the EFCC men to Our Client's house at such an ungodly hour of 2 am on the night of 6th December 2024 remains questionable, suspicious and should be probed into very seriously. Our Client's right to privacy was violated. He and his wife were intimidated, assaulted, manhandled and humiliated. The EFCC men came without a search warrant. Their mission was illegal and as it proved to be, they found nothing incriminating against Our Client. Instead, as common thieves and criminals that they turned out to be, they shamelessly stole wines from Our Client's bar.
8. We write this petition mindful of the fact that law enforcement agents in our country Nigeria must not be allowed to continue to paint a very gory picture of the country's image. It is embarrassing that for an elite institution like the EFCC, its officials could claim to be acting on an intel that turned out not only to be fake; but a mission for housebreaking and stealing, assault and the like.
9. We therefore implore you to use your good offices to properly investigate complaint against the conduct of the EFCC officials towards Our Client.



Clients demands for justice. Equally important is the fact that brazen conducts such as these need to be kept in check to serve as a deterrence for other officials. Rogue officials must be weeded out of the system and made to desist from corrupting and giving a bad name to the system. We trust and look forward that you will thoroughly investigate this petition, fish out and deal decisively with the officers involved.

10. The rights of Our Client, his wife as well as that of his security guard have been breached owing to the irresponsible and criminal conduct of the men of the EFCC. May we also put it on record that there are CCTV footages of some parts of the operations of these EFCC officials.
11. We are therefore demanding for justice for Our Client and his family. We ask for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Million (N150,000,000,00) naira only as compensation to assuage for the pain caused to Our Client and his family. We also demand a public apology to Our Client from the EFCC officials.
12. Please accept the assurances of our warm regards.



Yours Sincerely
For Equity Law Partners

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Shankyula, T.S
Partner

