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Mrs. Oladele Williams-Oni, an architect narrated to an Ikeja High Court, Lagos, how she was

scammed of #17 million by a shepherd in charge of the Celestial Church of Christ, Genesis

Parish, Alagbado, Prophet Israel Ola Ogundipe.

The lady told the court that she entrusted the accused person with her money to procure some

landed property on her behalf because she thought he was a "good pastor," but was surprised

that the prophet only made her to suffer in vain. She said, "He told me something about my

husband in one of his prophecies, that I should not have anything jointly with him because he

was having an affair behind my back. He gave me a liquid to drink and I started vomiting. I was

asked to sit down and he lighted a candle and said I should be there until the candle goes off"

She said her misfortune started when she returned to London, the prophet asked her to invest

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in landed property in Lagos, which she agreed. This she did after consultations with some

people. About #17million in five installments of #900,000, #2.5 million , #8.5 million, #2.7 million

and £12,000 between 2002 and 2005 to purchase the property on her behalf, which turned out

to be fraud.

A FRAUDSTER JAILED OVER \$300,000 SCAM.

A Nigerian, Oladapo Oladokun, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment for carrying out

a scheme in which he took over financial gains belonging to about 25 victims. He was said to

have scammed his victims to the tune of three hundred thousand dollars.

The authorities said Oladokun, 37, took over more than 40 financial accounts fraudulently. He

was accused to have also used , possessed, or opened the accounts without the victims'

authorization. He lived in Lanham, Maryland, and pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated

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identity theft. He was sentenced by Judge Ellen S. Huvelle in the U.S. District Court for

the District of Columbia. In addition to the prison term, the judge ordered Oladokun to pay

restitution of \$269,304.

According to government's evidence, once in possession of the victims' checks or credit

cards, Oladokun and others engaged in financial transactions such as buying goods and services,

depositing the bank checks into accounts opened in the names of other victims, cashing checks,

and purchasing money orders.

AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATES TEACH NIGERIANS YORUBA.

Five white American students from the University of Wisconsin, United States of America, who

are undergoing a Language immersion program at the University of Ibadan, Oyo State, were

some of the guests at the 2011 Yoruba Day at the Vivian Fowler Memorial Girl's College, Lagos.

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The mastery of the Yoruba Language by American students is generating new concerns, that

while many Nigerian parents in foreign lands no longer teach and speak their mother-tongue

to their children, these young Americans are working towards obtaining their Bachelors of Art

in the Yoruba Language.

The students are Lauren Halloran, Caraline Harshman, Kelvin Barry, Kelly Moses and O'Neil Keegan. Apart from studying the Language, they have adopted Yoruba names. Halloran is

Abike, Harshman is Titilayo, Barry has adopted Kayode, and Moses is Akinwunmi while Keegan's

Yoruba name is Kolade. Yoruba Language is the language of about 40 million people living in the

South West geopolitical zone of the most populous black nation on earth, Nigeria.

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