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## Forensic as a tool to combat rape in our society: Case study in Nigeria

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Rape is considered as a major violence against women and a major global burden. The United Nation at the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of Commission on the "Status of Women" recognizing the magnitude of this problem therefore emphasized structural productive approach to prevent violence against women and girls by strengthening multi-sectional services so as to protect the victims. This research focuses on rape as a major violence against women and the need to urgently integrate the utilization of forensic technology to assist in identifying the culprit so that appropriate sanction will be melted out to serve as a deterrent to others and justice for the victim in question. This research analyzes the challenges often encountered in the course of integrating forensic as a tool for investigating rape cases. Methodology opens close questioner that was administered on bias basis to females and other relevant stakeholders to assess their level of knowledge of the role of forensic in rape cases. The result shows that significant numbers of the analyzed revealed fear of stigmatization and reprisal attack from the culprit and a major hindrance to victims reporting to the hospital for collection of semen and analysis in rape cases. In conclusion, there is a great need for much more advocacy and education on the role of forensic as a primary tool in investigating rape cases so as to sanction the culprit and reduce incidence of future occurrence in our society.

### Biography

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