

## **A NIGERIAN CONVICTED FOR ADVERTISING AND SELLING COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES**

The Food and Drugs Authority, in collaboration with the Ghana Police Service, arrested Francis Chucks Nnamdi, a Nigerian drug peddler at Okaishie drug lane in Accra on the 31st of October, 2017 for advertising and selling falsified drugs on social media.

The arrest took place during an extensive Post Market Surveillance (PMS) organised by the FDA to clamp down on those who engaged in such illicit trade.

Francis Chucks Nnamdi was arraigned before the Accra Circuit Court 4 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2019 and was convicted for importation, advertisement and sale of falsified and unregistered contraceptives, analgesic and abortifacient drugs.

Francis who at the time of his arrest had 30 packs of Mifabon , 50 packs of counterfeit Postinor 2 and 30 packs of T-Paracin, has been ordered to pay a fine of 120,000.00 (10,000 penalty units) or in default serve 15 years imprisonment in hard labor.

Some of the drugs that were advertised by the convict on social media included Mifabon, Postinor 2 and T-Paractin, which was said to treat abnormal physical state.

With the well being of Ghanaians being the FDA's priority, the general public is entreated to abstain from buying drugs from unapproved pharmaceuticals shops, drug peddlers and on social media in order to guarantee their safety.

The FDA will once again like to reiterate its avowed commitment to its mandate of assuring public health and safety.

The FDA further wishes to serve notice on those selling fake or unregistered products both on the market, peddlers of medicines, illegal advertisements especially on social media that anyone found foul of the law would face severe regulatory sanctions.