## JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

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## From Darkness to Dawn: Afiaa's Inspiring Journey to Freedom

Afiaa's journey has been marked by adversity and unforeseen twists. Originally from Rahim Yar Khan, she sought a better future when her family relocated to Karachi. In pursuit of opportunities, Afiaa took on the role of a house help, tirelessly serving in various households.

Soon after Afiaa met Kabir, they decided to get married. Unfortunately, their marital path was beset with financial struggles. Tragedy struck on 11/12/2020 when Afiaa and her husband were arrested for an unfortunate incident involving an elderly woman, approximately 85 years old.

The shockwaves reverberated throughout the community. Afiaa's life took a dark turn as the Court declared her guilty and handed a "Life Imprisonment" sentence under Section 302 (b) PPC. She was also directed to pay Rs. 50,000 as compensation to the deceased's legal heirs, with an additional year of imprisonment looming in case of non-payment.

Despite the grim circumstances, Afiaa clung to hope. Advocate Mr. Habib Jiskani, representing the Committee, filed an appeal against her conviction, aiming to uncover the truth behind the tragic incident. He pointed out numerous discrepancies in the District Court proceedings, particularly the mismatch between medical findings and the complainant's testimony.

This led to her acquittal within a mere ten months from the filing of the vakalatnama. After ten months of legal battles and unwavering determination, Afiaa's appeal before the High Court was granted. High Court announced her innocence and she got free from the malafide charges levelled on her on 21st September, 2023.

Her story stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of humanity. Despite the darkness that once shrouded her life, she emerged from adversity with newfound strength, poised to embrace the brighter days that awaited her beyond the prison walls.

