

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ENUGU JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ENUGU
ON THURSDAY THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE M. L. SHUAIBU**

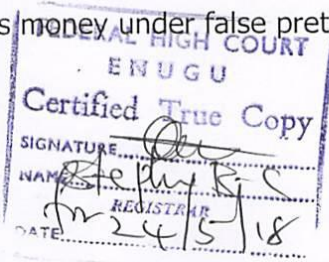
CHARGE NO: FHC/EN/CR/2/2013

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA	-	COMPLAINANT
AND		
1. OYEKANMI ADEWALE YAKUB	-	
2. QUAWAM LAWAL	-	ACCUSED

JUDGMENT

The Accused persons in this case stood trial on three counts charge boardering on conspiracy to obtain money by false pretence and indeed obtaining the sum of N125,000.00 and N50,000.00 respectively under false pretences contrary to section 1 (1) (3) and punishable under section 1 (3) of the relevant Advnce Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006. Trial has commenced by the evidence of one Okosa Sylvester who gave a graphic account on how he was lured by the Accused persons to part with his money under false pretences. Exhibits B and B1 are the deposit slips



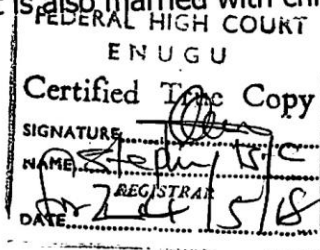
1302-2955-2788

with which payments were effected by him to the recipients who turned out to be the Accused persons.

When the Accused persons decided on their own to change their plea by pleading guilty to the charge the prosecution reviewed the facts of the case and tendered the statements of the Accused persons as well as the account opening package together with statement of Account belonging to the 1st Accused.

I have examined all the evidence placed before the court and same are consistent with the guilt of the Accused persons. Therefore on the strength of that overwhelming evidence and the plea of the Accused persons, the case against all the Accused persons are proved beyond reasonable doubt. The Accused persons are accordingly found guilty as charged.

Mr. Akpa: I urge the court to temper justice with mercy. They are first time offenders. They have shown remorse for their actions and have agree to pay back the victim. The 1st convict is an orphan with wife and children in addition to other defendants. The 2nd convict is also married with children as



well as a sick and aged mother. They spent 3 months in EFCC custody and ten months in prison custody.

Mr. Mbachie: No record of previous conviction.

Sentence: The 1st and 2nd convicts are hereby sentenced to two years imprisonment on each counts. The sentence shall run concurrently with effect from the date of their arrest that is September 16, 2011. The convict are also cautioned to be of good behavior.

M. L. Shuaibu

M. L. SHUAIBU
JUDGE
24/10/13

