

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
IN THE IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT COURT NO. I3, SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT 1
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M. A. DADA (MRS.)
TODAY WEDNESDAY THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

SUIT NO: ID\7926C\18

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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COMPLAINANT

AND

1. EKAETE OLABISI ETIM

2. OLUSEYI MOMOH LAMORIU

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DEFENDANTS

JUDGMENT

The 1st Defendant and the 2nd Defendant were jointly arraigned on a 4 Counts Information dated 7th August 2018 to which they both pleaded not Guilty on 26th November, 2018. The Prosecution opened its case and called its first witness, Paul Okoli, an Operative of the EFCC who gave evidence on the Investigation carried out by the Commission upon the receipt of a Petition from the British Deputy High Commission signed by one Michelle Junaid. His investigation, he stated revealed inter alia that the 1st Defendant and one Abimbola Imoleayo who has since been convicted by this Court applied for Student Visa with the British Deputy High Commission with supporting documents suspected to have been forged. He tendered the Petition, EFCC's letters to Ecobank Plc and the latter's Reply, a bundle of Sheffield Hellam University in the name of the 1st Defendant, her data page, a UK Immigration Health Surcharge email addressed to the 1st Defendant, a UK Visa medical certificate in the name of the 1st Defendant, Ecobank Plc's Statement of Account in the name of the 1st Defendant and her Statement to the EFCC which are all **Exhibits P1-P2 respectively**. The witness remained unshaken during cross examination. It was at this stage that the 1st Defendant upon proper counsel opened discussion with the Prosecution which has now culminated into a Plea Bargain and sentencing Agreement dated 13th March, 2019 consequent upon which an Amended information dated same 13/03/19 of 3 Counts; namely Conspiracy to commit a felony contrary to **Section 409**, Possession of fraudulent documents contrary to **Section 318**, and Use of false document contrary to **Section 364 (1)** all of the **Criminal Law of Lagos State no. 11 of 2011 respectively**. The 1st Defendant has therefore in line with the Plea Bargain




Agreement now pleaded Guilty to the 3 Counts Information. The 1st Defendant having so pleaded is hereby convicted as charged.

A term of one (1) year imprisonment has been proposed by Parties in the Agreement and the 1st Defendant is accordingly sentenced as agreed which sentence shall commence from today.

However in view of her obvious remorse and the Allocutus of her Counsel, she is hereby granted an option of a fine of ₦250,000:00 in lieu of her prison sentence. The 1st Defendant shall in addition observe a community service by sweeping the outside of the Court premises every Tuesday for the next one month.

Finally, the 1st Defendant shall do a letter of apology to the British Deputy High Commission in the next 14 days and a copy shall be filed in this Court as well as an Undertaking to the EFCC to be of good behaviour and never be involved in any form of Crime within or outside the shores of Nigeria.

This is the judgment of this Court.


HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS)
JUDGE
(27/03/19)

Defendant Present.

F. Ofoma for the Prosecution.

A. K Adeleke holding Waheed Yusuf for the 1st Defendant

A. Adewale for the 2nd Defendant.