

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
IN THE IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT COURT NO. 13, SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT 1,
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M. A. DADA (MRS.)
TODAY WEDNESDAY THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

SUIT NO: ID/8785C/19

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ... RESPONDENT

AND

OMOTAYO TAPERER (AKA ROBERT FINE ... DEFENDANT/APPLICANT

JUDGMENT

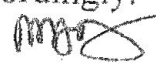
The Defendant herein was on 27/03/19 arraigned on a 2 Count Information dated 7/2/2019 for possession of documents containing false pretence contrary to Sections 6, 8(B) and 1 (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act, 2006 to which he pleaded not Guilty.

However, upon proper counselling, he opted for a Plea Bargain Agreement with the Prosecution sequel to which an Amended Information dated 15/04/19 has now been filed and to which he has pleaded Guilty to the one Count preferred against him on the same offence of possession of documents containing false pretence as above. The Prosecution tendered his confessional statements and Admission of Confession Form as well as a bundle of prints out containing the false pretence which are Exhibits P1-P4 respectively.

Parties thereafter by their Counsel adopted the Plea Bargain Agreement jointly executed by them and dated 15/04/19.

The Review of Facts of same date also adopted by the Parties states that the Defendant upon his arrest confessed that that he was into "internet fraud" and goes by the pseudo name "Robert Fine", a Whiteman with email account of Robert fine 231101@gmail.com. He was found to be in possession of false documents he used to facilitate his fraudulent activities, one of which is an email to one Fredrica Fox at fredrica2014@hotmail.com titled "I'm in love" fraudulently professing love to her in order to obtain money from her under that false pretence.

The Defendant having pleaded Guilty as charged is hereby convicted accordingly.




A term of one year imprisonment has been proposed by the Parties with effect from 12/12/2018 being the date of his arrest. The Defendant is accordingly sentenced to one year imprisonment which will however commence from the date of his arraignment being 27/03/19.

Allocutus:

Akande: I plead with your lordship to temper mercy with justice by **Section 316** of the **ACJL**; I implore your lordship for an option of fine. He is a first offender.

Court: In view of the allocutus by the Defendant's Counsel, he is hereby given an option of fine of N150,000:00 in lieu of his prison term failing which his imprisonment will stand.

This is the judgment of the Court.


HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS)
JUDGE
(17/04/19)

Defendants Present:

Oluwakemi Yemi – Makinde (Mrs.) with E.S Okondu for the Prosecution.
Oye Akande with Moses Alo for the Defendant.