

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
HOLDEN AT IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
SITTING AT COURT NO. 12 SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT 1
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.)
TODAY TUESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2019.

SUIT NO: ID/9340C/19

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

AKINYELE SHERIF DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The Defendant herein has been arraigned on an Amended Information dated 02/05/2019 upon which he pleaded guilty to the 1 count charge of possession of fraudulent document contrary to Section 318 of The Criminal Law of Lagos State, no 11 of 2011. This is sequel to the Plea Bargain Agreement jointly executed by the Parties also dated 02/05/19.

The Review of the Facts as presented by the Prosecution reveals that the Defendant was arrested during a raid by the EFCC on 13/03/19 at No. 4 Nwobi Lane, Ologolo-Igbo Efon Lagos State. He was interviewed and he volunteered his confessional statement under caution in the presence of his Lawyer. The Defendant confessed that he is into "romance scam" where he represented himself as a white female by the name Tracy Gifford by which he has defrauded unsuspecting victims. The said extra judicial statements and the prints-out from his email addresses tracygifford 292 @Yahoo.com and Sherifakinyele@ yahoo.com were admitted as Exhibits P1-P3 respectively.

The Defendant having pleaded guilty to the 1 count Amended Information dated 02/05/19 is hereby convicted accordingly.

A Term of one year and four months imprisonment has been proposed in the Plea Bargain Agreement. The Defendant is accordingly sentenced to one year and four months imprisonment with effect from today.



The Defendant shall also forfeit the instruments of fraud recovered from him, to wit;

- a) HP beatstudio Laptop No. 5CG423GH5J
- b) Iphone Xs Gold Colour IMEI No.357201097154341 to the commission.

The Defendant shall also upon his release from custody undertake to the EFCC to be of good behaviour and never to be involved in any form of economic and financial crime or any crime at all anywhere in the world.

In view of the passionate plea of the Defence Counsel and the very important fact that this PBA has been brought timeously, today being the first sitting on this matter, I am inclined to accede to the prayer of the learned counsel in granting the Defendant an option of a fine of ₦250,000 in lieu of his prison term.

This is the Judgment of the Court.



HON. JUSTICE M.A.DADA
JUDGE
(07/05/19)

Appearances:

Defendant Present

Ms Bilikisu Buhari for the Prosecution.

Z. S. Makinde with Moshood Gbadamasi for the Defendant.