

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
HOLDEN AT IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
SITTING AT COURT NO. 13 SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT 1
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.)
TODAY TUESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

SUIT NO: ID/8585C/19

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

WAREY AI DANIEL TARELA DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The Defendant herein has been arraigned on a 3-Counts Information dated 10/01/2019 bordering on possession of a document containing false pretences contrary to **Section 6, 8 (b) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006** to which he has pleaded guilty sequel to a Plea Bargain Agreement jointly executed by him, his counsel and the prosecution and dated 30th April, 2019.

The review of Facts of the Prosecution's case against the Defendant which is also of same date is that following an anonymous Petition by a concerned citizen who complained about the despicable activities of many young persons without legitimate or visible means of livelihood yet living flamboyant extravagant lives, Surveillance was conducted following which a covert operation was carried out at Oluwo, Abeokuta, Ogun State, where the Defendant was arrested by the Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crime Commission , for allegedly indulging in fraudulent on line activities.

The Defendant was taken to the Lagos Zonal Office of the EFCC where he was processed and his statement was obtained. The mobile phones, email addresses owned and operated by the Defendant were analysed through forensic examination at the EFCC ICT Laboratory and several fraudulent documents were printed out of his mail. All of these revealed that the Defendant was engaged in many cyber atrocities such as romance scam, stealing of identities and other related offences with most of his victims being ladies.



The Defendant having pleaded guilty to all the 3 Counts, is hereby convicted accordingly.

The term of imprisonment agreed upon by the parties is one year and the Defendant is hereby sentenced to one year imprisonment from today.

After listening to the Defendant's Counsel's allocutus on his behalf, I am persuaded that the Defendant having pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity without wasting the time of the court and being a first time offender is hereby granted an option of a fine of N200,000 failing which his prison term is invoked.

All the items recovered by the Prosecution from the Defendant are hereby forfeited to the Federal Government.

This is the Judgment of the court.



HON. JUSTICE M.A.DADA
JUDGE
(30/04/19)

Appearances:

Defendant Present

F. Ofoma with M.K.Hussein for the Prosecution.

S.R. Aliyu for the Defendant