IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE HOLDEN AT IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION SITTING AT COURT NO. 11 SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.) – JUDGE TODAY FRIDAY THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

CHARGE NO: ID/10159C

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

COMPLAINANT

AND

OJULARI OLADIPUPO (A.K.A GREGORY HOWELL)

DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The Defendant has been re-arraigned on a 2Counts Amended Information dated 15/10/2019 for Possession of Document containing False Pretence contrary to Sections 6, and 8(b) and (3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act No. 14 of 2006. He is alleged to have on or about the 30th of July, 2019 at Lagos within Ikeja Judicial Division of this court, had in his possession a document titled "TUV INTERCERT SAAR CERTIFICATE" which document he knew or ought to have known contains false information on the 1st Count and a document titled "UPDATES ON LEAVE PROCESS/APPLICATION COMFIRMED" purportedly from the Department of Defence, United States African command which he sent to one Angie Grass containing false pretence which he knew to be false.

The Defendant upon the Plea Bargain Agreement jointly executed by him and his Counsel with the Prosecution which is dated 15/10/19 pleaded Guilty to the 2 Counts. The Prosecution's Review of Facts of same date is that following series of Intelligence report availed the Commission on some syndicates of Fraudsters who engage in Internet Fraud and other fraudulent activities and were also seen living luxurious lives without legitimate jobs or visible means of livelihood, the Defendant and others at No. 55 Flarkberry Novojo Estate, Farmville, Sangotedo, Lagos were arrested. In the course of the investigation, the Defendant's laptop and email were analysed and fraudulent documents were printed from his mail box. That the Defendant in his statement under caution confirmed that he engages in dating scam using fake opposite sex identities to attract his victims and defraud them by luring them to part with their money.

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If year imprisonment without an option of fine. Indeed the 2nd Count is so grave and is such that should ordinarily attract a term of not less than 7 years imprisonment. However in view of the plea of the Defendant's Counsel and the timely option of this Plea Bargain Agreement, I am constrained to grant him an option of a fine of NIM in lieu of his prison term.

This is the judgment of this court.

HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS)
JUDGE
(18/10/19)

Appearances:
Defendant Present
C.R. Edozie for the Prosecution
Theophilus Idehen for the Defendant