

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE  
IN THE IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT COURT NO. 11, SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT 1  
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M. A. DADA (MRS.)  
TODAY MONDAY THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

SUIT NO: ID/9746C/19

BETWEEN:  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

... COMPLAINANT

AND

INNOCENT PAUL (A.K.A LARRY JOHN)

... DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT


The Defendant has been arraigned on a 1 Count Amended Information dated 20/08/19 for possession of document containing False Pretence contrary to Section 318 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011. The Defendant pleaded Guilty on the strength of the Plea Bargain Agreement entered into with the Prosecution jointly executed by Parties and Counsel and dated 20/08/2019. The Prosecution's Review of Facts of same date stated that the Defendant was on 22/05/2019 arrested by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and handed over to the Economic And Financial Crimes Commission alleging that the Defendant and others resident at an apartment at 14B Animashaun Street, Progressive Estate, Ojodu Berger are into the Business of Internet Fraud and have no legitimate source of income yet living exotic lifestyle. That investigation revealed that the Defendant is into Internet Scam business called "Yahoo-Yahoo" using 3 emails by which he defrauded his victims by presenting himself as a white male named Larry John working with the Military and on Peacekeeping Mission in Egypt.

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The Defendant having pleaded Guilty is hereby convicted as charged.

The sentence proposed is a term of 1 year imprisonment without an option of fine. The allocutus on behalf of the Defendant which weighs heavier on the mind of the Court is that the Defendant has already spent about 5 months in EFCC custody. I have confirmed from the Review of Facts that the Defendant was arrested on 22/05/19 and has since been in the custody of the EFCC which therefore satisfies the Court that he could be considered for an option of fine. The Defendant is accordingly hereby sentenced to one year imprisonment from the date of his arrest or an option of a fine of ₦200,000:00K in lieu of the prison term.

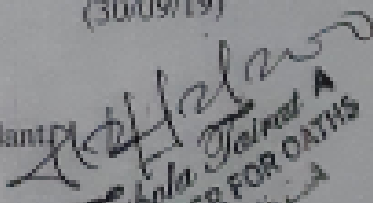
This is the Judgment of the Court.

  
HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.)  
JUDGE  
(30/09/19)

Defendants Present.

F. Ofoma for the Prosecution

Yinka Faroumbi with Adeyemi Sulaiman for the Defendant.

  
Paulatun A. Olatunji  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS  
HIGH COURT Ikeja