

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
IN THE IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT COURT NO. 10 SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT 1,
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.)
TODAY MONDAY THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

SUIT NO: ID/10233C/19

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

AND

1. UBALE YUNUSA

2. AZAMA BUREAU DE CHANGE LTD

COMPLAINANT

DEFENDANTS

JUDGMENT

The Defendants have been re-arraigned on an Amended Information of one Count of obtaining by false pretence contrary to **Section 285** of the **Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015**. They are alleged to have sometimes in March, 2012 at Ikeja within the Jurisdiction of this Court with intent to defraud and obtained the sum of \$70,000:00(Seventy Thousand Dollars) from one Henry Chidi on the pretence that they would facilitate the transfer of the said sum to his account in Nairobi Kenya which pretence they knew was false.

The Defendants pleaded guilty to this offence and the Prosecution thereafter tendered the Petition of the nominal complainant, Mr. Henry O. Chidi dated 19/12/2018 and 3 extra-judicial Statements of the 1st Defendant dated 07/03/19, 13/03/19 and 18/03/2019 which are **Exhibits P1 – P4 respectively**.

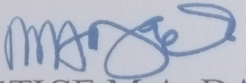
The Defendants having pleaded guilty are accordingly convicted as charged.

The 1st Defendant is hereby sentenced to 3 years imprisonment which is the minimum prescribed under the law upon which he is charged.

The Defendants shall in addition restitute the sum of ₦3.5M(Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira) alleged to be the outstanding out of the total sum received from the Petitioner.

If the Defendants are however able to pay up the outstanding balance within 3 months, he shall be granted an option of fine of ₦500,000:00(Five Hundred Thousand Naira Only) failing which his term will run until the payment of the said outstanding.

This is the Judgment of the Court.


HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.)
JUDGE
(3/02/2020)