

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 WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2020.

SUIT NO: ID/11974C/2020

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

... COMPLAINANT

AND

LAWAL LAWAL SHOLARU

... DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The Defendant was on 18/03/2020 arraigned on 1 Count Information dated 10/03/2020 wherein he is charged with the offence of obtaining by false pretence contrary to Section 312 (1) (a) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011. He is alleged to have sometime in 2019 in Lagos within the jurisdiction of this Court with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of \$1,200 from one Mr. David Goebil, a United States of America National by falsely representing himself as a white woman by the name of Alicia White, which representation he knew to be false.

The Defendant without much ado pleaded Guilty while the Prosecution sought for another date to present their brief statement of fact before the covid - 19 pandemic lockdown caught up with judicial proceedings, hence this virtual hearing this morning. The Prosecution in its said brief statement of fact restated the facts of the case culminating in this charge against the Defendant and tendered the Defendant's statement dated 08/03/2020 and 11/03/2020 together with a bundle of fraudulent documents printed from the Defendant's email box which are Exhibits P1-P3 respectively.

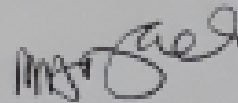
The Defendant having therefore pleaded Guilty is hereby convicted as charged.

The timeous plea of Guilty by the Defendant is very impressive and commendable as he exhibited great remorse for his action. He has also unwittingly spent about 2 months in custody. In the Interest of Justice therefore, the Defendants is hereby sentenced to 6 months imprisonment commencing from 18/03/2020 when he was first remanded in custody or an option of a fine N100,000:00K in lieu of his prison term.

Mrs. Dada

The Defendant shall also forfeit to the Federal Government of Nigeria the vehicle and any other property recovered from him being proceeds of crime and shall give an undertaking to be of good behaviour and never to be involved in any other crime again.

This is the judgment of the Court.



HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS)
JUDGE
(20/05/2020)

Defendant Present.
S. O. Daji for the Prosecution
Femi Aina for the Defendant