

IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
HOLDEN AT IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
SITTING AT COURT NO. 10, SPECIAL OFFENCES COURT I
BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS.) - JUDGE
TODAY WEDNESDAY THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

SUIT NO: ID/11972C/2020

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

COMPLAINANT

AND

BELLO EMEKA OROBOSA
(A.K.A. IDOWU SUNDAY OLAREWAJU)


DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The Defendant is charged on one (1) Count Amended Information dated 18th August, 2020 for Impersonation contrary to Section 378 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011 to which he has just pleaded guilty. He had earlier been arraigned on one (1) Count Information dated 10th March, 2020 for obtaining Gift Cards by False Pretence contrary to Section 312 (1) (a) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2011 upon which he pleaded not guilty. The Prosecution called one witness, namely, Chimezie Mesheach Ezinne, an Operative of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) who gave evidence of the investigation activities carried out after a sting operation at Lagers County, Ikorodu Lagos leading to the arrest of the Defendant and others. He tendered the Defendant's extra-judicial statement which was admitted as Exhibit P.1.

However after the last Proceedings, the Defendant had a change of heart leading to the filing of a Plea Bargain Agreement dated 18/08/2020 jointly executed by him, his Counsel and the Prosecution. After his Plea of guilty to the Amended Information, the Prosecution tendered the Defendant's further extra-judicial statement and a bundle of documents printed from his email account which are Exhibits P2 and P3 respectively. The Defendant having therefore pleaded guilty on the Amended Information dated 18/08/2020, is hereby convicted as charged.

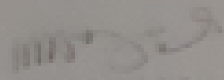
He is accordingly sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment from the date of his first arraignment. Although the sentencing agreement excludes an option of fine, I am satisfied



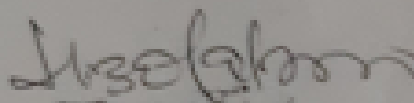
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that the Court has the power and duty to impose an option of fine where appropriate. I therefore hold that it is appropriate in this instance to grant the Defendant an option of fine. Consequently the Defendant is hereby granted an option of a fine of ₦350,000 in lieu of his prison term.

This is the judgment of the court.


HON. JUSTICE M.A. DADA (MRS)
JUDGE
19/08/2020

Appearances:
Defendant Present
C.R. Edozie for the Prosecution
M.P. Ogunkolade for the Defendant.


Justice Oshin
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS
HIGH COURT IREJA

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