

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
EDO STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE BENIN JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT BENIN CITY
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP HONOURABLE JUSTICE EFE IKPONMWONBA – JUDGE
ON THURSDAY THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

BETWEEN: SUIT NO. B/CD/EFCC/156/22:

F. R. N. ... Complainant

Vs.

Lucky Ifeanyi Egwuat --- Defendant

JUDGMENT

The Defendant is charged in one count with unlawful possession of proceeds of criminal conduct contrary to Section 17 (a) of EFCC Act 2004. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Court is informed that the Defendant applied for a plea deal and this was granted and resulted in a Plea Bargain Agreement which he signed of his own volition.

The Court confirmed that the Defendant knows the import of a plea deal and also is aware that this Court is not bound by the recommendation in the Agreement.

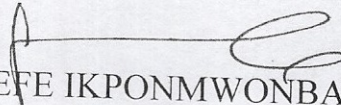
Learned Counsel for the Defendant in pleading for the Defendant urged the Court to temper justice with mercy. She urged the Court to sentence the Defendant in line with the Agreement entered into.

In sentencing the Defendant, I have taken into consideration the plea of the Defendant which has saved the Court the time it would have spent trying this charge. I have also taken into consideration the facts of this case and the plea of Learned Counsel to the Defendant.

Recognising that I am not bound by the Plea Bargain Agreement, I have examined the entered into by all the parties dated 23/9/2022 and I find it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Defendant is sentenced to a term of three years or pay a fine of N200,000.00. His Account No. 0605353171 domiciled in Guaranty Trust Bank is to be permanently closed.

The Defendant will enter an undertaking in writing to be of good conduct from now on. His passport photograph is to be attached thereto.


EFE IKPONMWONBA
JUDGE