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 MONDAY THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2022

BETWEEN:

SUIT NO. B/CD/EFCC/97/22:

F. R. N.

Complainant

Vs.

Peace Omaghomi

Defendant

JUDGMENT

The Defendant is charge in a one count charge of unlawful possession of fraudulent documents contrary to Section 6 of Advanced Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006. 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 being entered into dated 10/6/22.

The Court is further informed that the Defendant knows the import of a plea deal and is aware that this Court is not bound by the sentence recommendation.

Learned Counsel has pleaded passionately for the Court to be lenient with the Defendant and gave him an option of fine. In sentencing the Defendant, I have taken into consideration his plea of Guilty which has saved the Court time it would have spent trying this charge.

I have also taken into consideration the plea of Learned Counsel and the Plea Bargain Agreement. It is clear that the offence was still in the planning stage, so I will exercise my discretion and be lenient hoping that giving the Defendant a chance, without going to jail will save him in future.

Accordingly, having considered all the above, I have decided because of the charge of the Defendant to caution and discharge him. He is therefore Cautioned and Discharged. He will however enter an undertaking to be of good conduct going forward. His passport photograph will be attached.

EITE IKPONMWONBA JUDGE