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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KWARA STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE ILORIN JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT ILORIN

ON 31<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2023

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON JUSTICE A.O. AKINPELU – JUDGE

SUIT NO: KWS/104<sup>c</sup>/2023

**BETWEEN**

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ----- COMPLAINANT**

**VS**

**JAMES OPEYEMI OYEDEPO ----- DEFENDANT**

**JUDGMENT**

The charge against the Defendant is dated and filed 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 which reads as follows:

1. That you, **JAMES OPEYEMI OYEDEPO** sometimes between the months of January 2021 and January 2022, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did knowingly had under your control of sum of **₦7,646,534 (Seven Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Four Naira)** being paid into your Zenith Bank Account No 2208959452 reasonably suspected to have been unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable Under Section 319A of the Penal Code.
2. That you, **JAMES OPEYEMI OYEDEPO** between the months of February 2022 and February 2023, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, did knowingly had under your control, the sum of **₦7,547,582 (Seven Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-Two Naira)** being paid into your Zenith Bank, Account No 2208959452 reasonably suspected to have been unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable Under Section 319A of the Penal code.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

The prosecution thereafter reviewed the facts of the case and tendered the following items in evidence:

1. One EFCC computer/Telephone ownership attestation form in the name of **James Opeyemi Oyedepo** – Exhibit 1

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2. One Velvet phone identified as Apple iphone 13 Exhibit 2
3. One black phone identified as Apple iphone 11 – Exhibit 3
4. A couple of computer generated documents together with a certificate of identification – Exhibit 4A & 4B
5. Documents consisting of correspondence from Zenith Bank Plc to the Zonal Commander EFCC, Ilorin in respect of account of **James Opeyemi Oyedepo** and statement of Account, and certificate of identification admitted collectively as Exhibit 5A & 5B
6. Three statements of **James Opeyemi Oyedepo** dated 10/5/23, 17/5/23, 18/5/23 – Exhibits 6A, 6B & 6C
7. The sum of \$441 in the denomination of four \$100, Two \$20 and One \$1 – Exhibit 7.

The defendant having confirmed to the court that his plea of guilty is in respect of the facts just reviewed by the prosecution, the Court is satisfied that the prosecution has discharged the onus of proof on them in respect of the offences charged.

Accordingly, the provision of Section 280 of the Kwara State Administration of Criminal Justice Law is hereby invoked and the defendant is found guilty of the two counts of charges against him.

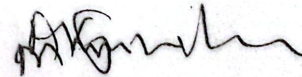


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**SENTENCE:** The convict is sentenced to Three months imprisonment on each of the offences (both custodial sentences to run concurrently) but with the option of the payment of fine of ₦100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) for each of the offences.

Exhibits 2, 3 and 7 also having been connected with the offences in issue are ordered to be forfeited to the Federal Government.

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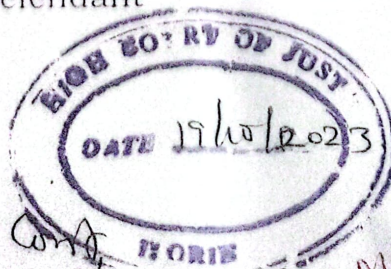
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**APPEARANCE:**

I.I. Mbachie Esq. for the Prosecution.  
 A.O. Abdul Esq. for the Defendant

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*Ibrahim Samba*  
*(CPAD)*

*Hon. Justice Akinpelu's Court*  
*Hgh Court of Justice*



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