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

SUIT NO: KWJ/44^c/2021

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, HONOURABLE JUSTICE .M. ABDULGAFAR

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA..... COMPLAINANT

AND

ABDULSALAM OYEYEMI.....DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

1. The defendant was arraigned before this court on a one count charge alleging as follows:-

COUNT 1

That you ABDULSALAM OPEYEMI (a.k.a. Colt Williams, James Anderson) sometimes in March, 2020 or thereabout at Ilorin, Kwara State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court dishonestly induced one **Cristina Gobin (a.k.a. Crisitina Haripaul)**, a white lady to send you bitcoins worth the sum of 1,255 Canadian Dollars when you knowingly pretended and represented yourself to be one James Anderson, an American Military messenger who is in charge of her husband, Colt Williams' internet connection when you had earlier represented yourself to the said Cristina Gobin as the said Colt Williams, an American marine officer who is in a romantic relationship with her and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321

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and punishable under section 324 of the Penal Code Laws of Northern Nigeria.

2. The prosecution called Det. Salaudeen Aabdulrasaq as its only witness. Pw1 testified that following intel received by his commission regarding the activities of internet fraudsters operating around Asa Dam Area, Ilorin, the operatives of EFCC arrest the defendant at his residence on 14/06/21.

It is the evidence of Pw1 on analyzing the devices found on the defendant with the details he supplied in the attestation forms, it was discovered that he was involved in internet scam.

3. Pw1 testified that the defendant fraudulently induced one Critina Gobin to part with 1,255 Canadian dollar.

It is the evidence of Pw1 that the defendant confession to committing the offence in the statement he made in the presence of his Solicitor and also restituted in the sum of N200,000.

4. Mr. Akoja for the prosecution urged the court to found as a fact that the prosecution has through the evidence of Pw1 and exhibit 1 - 6 established the case against the defendant beyond reasonable doubt and convict him accordingly.

Mr. Usman for the defendant had nothing to urge in his favour.

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5. In the light of the evidence of Pw1 and exhibits 1 - 6, I find as a fact that the prosecution has established the case against the defendant beyond reasonable doubt.

I convict you Abdulsalam Opeyemi of fraudulently inducing cristina Gobin to send you 1,255 Canadian dollars in Bitcoins contrary to section 321 of the Penal Code law.

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Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar
Judge
30/7/21

SENTENCES

I have considered the plea of Mr. Usman. I sentence you Abdulsalam Opeyemi to a term of One year at Mandala Correctional Center, the term is hereby suspended for one year while DSS Murtala Kareem of the non-Custodian Unit of Nigerian Correctional Service is to monitor the convict. Exhibits 1, 2 and 6 being the MacBook, the I phone 7 plus and the Access Bank instrument are forfeited to FGN

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Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar
Judge
30/7/21

Appearances

I.I Mbache for the prosecution
A.A Usman for the defendant

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Salman Agafan

Asst. Clerk of Court
High Court of Justice, Ilorin

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