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

SUIT NO: KWJ/29^c/2021

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, HONOURABLE JUSTICE .M. ABDULGAFAR

BETWEEN,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

OKE GIDEON.....DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

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

COUNT 1

That you Oke Gideon (Jenna Cherry), between August, 2020 and September, 2020 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourble Court did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Jenna Cherry a white female with gmail account jenncherry90@gmail.com. And fraudulently deceived one Bradley Miller an American citizen, to send \$150.00 (One Hundred and fifty Dollar) worth of gift card after you made him believe you were a girl in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under section 324 of the same Penal Code.

COUNT 2

That you Oke Gideon (Jenna Cherry), between August, 2020 and September, 2020 in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honourble Court did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Jenna

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Cherry a white female with gmail account jenncherry90@gmail.com, and fraudulently deceived one Connor Harrop-Williams an American citizen, to send \$20.00 (Twenty Dollar) via paypal after you made him believe you were a girl in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under section 324 of the same Penal Code.

2. Detective Sarah Audu testified as the lone prosecution witness after the plea of the defendant was taken.

It is the evidence of Pw1 that sequel to a raid by operative of EFCC, Ilorin Zonal Office, the defendant was arrested along with others. Pw1 stated that on taking the defendant to EFCC custody, he was given the forensic attestation forms wherein he stated his telephone numbers, email addresses.

It is Pw1's evidence that the Hp laptop and iphone 6 found on the defendant were analysed and it was found that the defendant was engaging in online scam where he was representing himself as Jenna cherry a white female in order to defraud his victims.

3. Pw1 stated that the fraudulent materials were printed out from the defendant's email and he acknowledged this by endorsing on every page of the print out. Pw1 further stated that he made statements to the investigators admitting committing the offences with which he has been charged.

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4. Mr. Ola for the prosecution urged the court to find as a fact from the evidence of Pw1, exhibits 1 - 4 and the plea of the defendant that the prosecution has established the case against the defendant beyond reasonable doubt.

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

5. I find as a fact that the prosecution has through the evidence of Pw1 and the guilty plea of the defendant established the case against the defendant beyond reasonable doubt.

Consequently, I convict you Gideon Oke of cheating by personation when you falsely represented yourself as white female to Bradley Miller and thereby induced him to part with \$150 worth of Amazon gift card contrary to section 324 of the penal code law.

6. I also convict you Gideon Oke of cheating by personation when you falsely represented yourself as a white female to Connor Harrop - Williams thereby inducing him part with his \$20 Amazon gift card contrary to section 324 of the penal code law.



Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar

Judge

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Sentence

I have considered the allocutus made on behalf of the defendant.
I hereby sentence the defendant to One month term at Mandala Correctional facility or fine of N50, 000 in lieu.

Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar

Judge

5/7/21

Appearances:

S.T. Ola for prosecution

M. Sambo (with M. Abdulkabir and I. Abdulrahseed) for defendant.

C.T.C - N500.00

11/1/2023

Certified by me
Salman Merjan
Asst chief clerical officer
High Court of Justice, ILOP N.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Date 11/1/2023
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