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

SUIT NO: KWS/44^C/2021

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, HONOURABLE JUSTICE .M. ABDULGAFAR

BETWEEN,

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

ALIMI ABIODUN (ALIAS SANDRA GRACE).....DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

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

COUNT 1

That you Alimi Abiodun (alias Sandra Grace) sometime between August to September 2020, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, did attempt to cheat one Ewencee by personation, when you pretended to be one Sandra Grace, a white Caucasian female with gmail account sandragrace471@gmail.com and thereby committed an offence contrary to sec 95 of the Penal Code and punishable under sec 324 of the same Penal Code.

COUNT 2

That you, alimi Abiodun (alias Sandra Grace) sometime in August, 2020, in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one Sandra Grace a white female with Gmail account sandragrace471@gmail.com and

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fraudulently deceived one Corey Thompson to send \$800.00 (Eight Hundred Dollar) to you through itunes cards after you made him believe you were in love with him and you thereby committed an offence contrary to sec 321 of the Penal Code and punishable under sec 324 of the same Penal Code.

2. After the plea of the defendant was taken, the prosecution called Pw1, the investigation Detective who testified that following Intel received by the EFCC Zonal Office about the activities of internet fraudsters operating along Ilorin Airport road, his team raided the Area and arrested the defendant along with the others.

3. It is the evidence of Detective Babatunde Olotu that the defendant was taken to custody and was given the forensic attestation forms which to be completed by supplying the details of the devices found on him and his email address and password.

It is also the evidence of Pw1 that on analysing the devices and the email account, it was discovered that the defendant fraudulently induced one Corey Thompson to send \$800 to him by pretending to be a white female Sadra Grace.

4. Pw1 stated that the defendant made statements to EFCC detectives admitting to the offences with which he has been

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charged and entered into a plea bargain agreement with EFCC which resulted in him issuing a draft to cover the \$800.

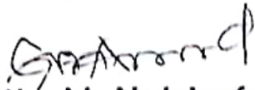
Pw1 identified the iphone 6 and iphone 11 found with the defendant as the instrument he used to perpetrate the crime.

5. Mr. Mbachie for the prosecution in his address urged the court to hold that the prosecution has established the case against the defendant beyond reasonable doubt.

6. I have considered the totality of the evidence of Pw1, exhibits 1 - 6 and the guilty plea of the defendant and find that the case against the defendant has been proved beyond reasonable doubt.

I convict you Alimi Abiodun of attempting to cheat by personation when you pretended to Ewence that you are Grace Sandra a white female contrary to section 95 of the penal code.

I also convict you Alimi Abiodun of cheating by personation when you falsely represented yourself as Sandra Grace a white female to Corey Thompson inducing him to send you \$800 itune cards contrary to section 321 of the penal code law.


Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar

Judge

27/7/21

Appearance:

I.I. Mbachie for prosecution

T. Ololu for the defendant

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SENTENCES:

I have considered the plea of Mr. Ololu that the court temper justice with mercy and the response of Mr. Mbachie that there is no record of previous conviction.

I sentence you Alimi Abiodun to 3 months term at Mandala Correction Center in respect of count 1.

I also sentence you Alimi Abiodun to 1 year term at Mandala Correctional Center. The Terms are to run concurrently and are suspended for 1 year. Exhibits 1, 2 and 6 are forfeited to FGN.

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Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar

Judge

27/7/21

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11/11/2023

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Salman Marican O.
Asst Chief Clerical officer
High Court of Justice, Ilorin.

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