

EDO STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE BENIN JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT BENIN CITY

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP HONOURABLE JUSTICE EFE IKPONMWONBA – JUDGE  
ON TUESDAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023

BETWEEN:

SUIT NO. B/CD/EFCC/72/23:

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Applicant

Vs.

Ehiaguina Joel

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Defendant

**JUDGMENT**

The Defendant is charged in one count under Section 6 and 8 of the Advance Fee Fraud and other 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 approved and resulted in a Plea Bargain Agreement being entered into.

The Court is also informed that the Defendant understands the import of a Plea Bargain Agreement and is aware that this Court is not bound by the recommendation in the agreement.

I have listened to the facts of the case as presented by the prosecution. I have also heard Learned Counsel for the Defendant in his plea for him.

In sentencing the Defendant, I have taken into consideration the fact that the Defendant by pleading guilty has saved the Court the time it would have spent trying this charge.

Recognising that I am not bound by the recommendations in the Agreement, I have examined the Plea Bargain Agreement dated 3/5/2023 and I find it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Defendant is sentenced to a term of 3 years or pay a fine of N200,000.00. The Defendant shall forfeit the following the Federal Government of Nigeria through the EFCC.

- 1) His Samsung galaxy slot phone.
- 2) The balance of #3,922,322.57 in his Zenith Bank Account Number 2175140415 as proceeds of crime.

The Defendant's account in Zenith Bank, Sterling Bank, Fidelity Bank and Access Bank as described in paragraph 5 of the Plea Bargain Agreement are to be permanently closed. The Defendant will enter a written undertaking to be of good conduct going forward and his passport photograph is to be attached thereto.

  
EFE IKPONMWONBA  
JUDGE