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

ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2023

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

SUIT NO: KWS/141^c/2023

BETWEEN

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ----- COMPLAINANT

VS

OWOLAJA OYEWALE ABAYOMI ----- DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The charge against the defendant is dated 6th day of June, 2023 and filed on 20th day June, 2023 day which reads as follows:

1. That you, **OWOLAJA OYEWALE ABAYOMI**, sometime between January and August 2020, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the High Court, did knowingly had under your control, the gross sum of ₦3,222,050 (Three Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Fifty Naira) deposited in your United Bank for Africa account No. 2092627071, which is reasonably suspected to have been unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 319 (a) of the Penal Code.
2. That you, **OWOLAJA OYEWALE ABAYOMI**, sometime in February, 2023, at Ilorin, within the judicial division of the High Court, did knowingly had under your control, the gross sum of \$2,800 (Two Thousand, Eight Hundred US Dollars) converted to bitcoin, which is reasonably suspected to have been unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 319 (a) 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 digital attestation form in the name of Owolaja Abayomi Oyewole – Exhibit 1.
2. One phone identified as Apple iphone 11 – Exhibit 2.

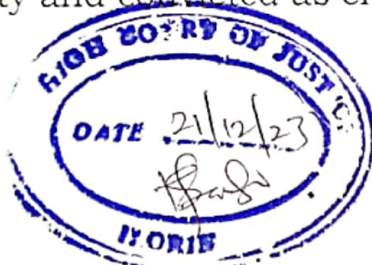
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3. A car key said to belong to a Toyota Camry Car Reg. No. BDG 110 GN which is said to be in the custody of EFCC – Exhibit 3.
4. A bunch of computer generated internet documents together with a certificate of identification – Exhibits 4A and 4B.
5. Printed statement of account of Owolaja Oyewole Abayomi domiciled with United Bank of Africa together with a certificate of Identification - Exhibits 5A and 5B.
6. Three statements of Owolaja Abayomi dated 12/5/23, 18/5/23 and 01/6/23 – Exhibits 6A, 6B and 6C.

The defendant having pleaded guilty to the charge, the prosecution reviewed the facts of the case through PW1, the investigating officer, which brought in evidence certain documents and items admitted as Exhibits.

The defendant having confirmed to the Court that his plea of guilt relates to the facts as reviewed, on the strength of Section 280 Kwara State Administration of Criminal Justice Law he is hereby found guilty and convicted as charged.



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JUDGE
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SENTENCE: The convict is sentenced to Six months imprisonment on each of counts 1 and 2. (Both custodial sentences to run concurrently) but with the option of payment of a fine of ₦100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) for each of the counts 1 and 2.

Exhibit 2 being the instrument of crime and the car to which Exhibit 3 belongs (which is said to be in custody of EFCC) being a proceed of crime are ordered to be forfeited to the Federal Government.

*CTC: A. O. Akinpelu
H. P. O.
21/12/23*

[Signature]

HON. JUSTICE A.O. AKINPELU
JUDGE
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APPEARANCES:

Andrew Akoja Esq. for the prosecution.
Adebiyi Habeeb Esq. for the defendant.

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*Certified by me:
Ibrahim Sambo (Principal Admin Officer)
Hon. Justice Akinpelu's Court, High Court of Justice,
Ibadan, Kwara State.*