

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/146^C/2023

BETWEEN

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ----- COMPLAINANT

VS

LAWAL ADEBAYO MURITALA ----- DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The charge against the defendant is dated 22nd day of June, 2023 and filed on 23rd day of June, 2023 which reads as follows:

That you, **LAWAL ADEBAYO MURITALA** sometime in March 2023, in Ilorin, Kwara State, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did cheat by personation when you pretended to be one **Nick Anderson** via your gmail address nickandersonn06@gmail.com and fraudulently deceived one **Mike** to send One Hundred Dollar (\$100) worth of Steam Gift Cards to you and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 321 of the Penal Code Law and punishable under Section 324 of the same Law.

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 ownership attestation form in the name of Lawal Adebayo Muritala – Exhibit 1.
2. One phone identified as Samsung X9 plus – Exhibit 2.
3. A bunch of computer generated internet documents together with a certificate of identification – Exhibits 3A and 3B.
4. Three statements of Lawal Adebayo Muritala dated 10/5/23, 18/5/23 and 31/5/23 – Exhibits 4A, 4B, and 4C respectively.
5. The sum of \$100 – Exhibit 5.

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The prosecution reviewed the facts of the case through the investigating Officer who testified as PW1. The testimony of PW1 has placed in evidence exhibits connected with the charge in issue.

So has the defendant confirmed to the Court that his plea of guilt relates to the facts as reviewed.

In the circumstance, the Court invokes the provisions of Section 280 Kwara State Administration of Criminal Justice Law to find him guilty as charged and he is accordingly convicted.

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SENTENCE: The convict is sentenced to Six months imprisonment but with the option of payment of a fine of ₦100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Naira).

Exhibit 2, being the instrument of crime and Exhibit 5, being the restituted proceed is ordered to be forfeited to the Federal Government.

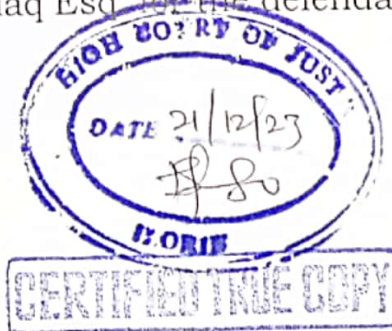
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