

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

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE EFE IKPONMWONBA – JUDGE
ON THURSDAY THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

BETWEEN:

CHARGE NO. B/CD/EFCC/185/22

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

COMPLAINANT

Vs.

OKUNDIA ROMEO

DEFENDANT

J U D G M E N T

The Defendant is charged in one Count with the offence of unlawful possession of fraudulent mail Contrary to Section 6 of 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 granted and resulted in a Plea Bargain Agreement being entered into. The Court is further informed that the Defendant entered into the agreement voluntarily and signed it together with his counsel and the commission's counsel.

Learned counsel for the Defendant has asked the Court to be lenient and vary the fine downwards. He has however not explained why this Court should go beyond and above the agreement entered into.

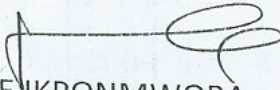
In sentencing the defendant, I have take into consideration the fact that the Defendant has pleaded guilty and saved the Court the time it would have spent trying this charge. I have also considered the facts and the plea of learned counsel.

Recognizing that I am not bound by the terms of the Plea Bargain Agreement, I have examined it and I find it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Defendant is sentenced to a term of three years or pay a fine of ₦200,000.00.

The Samsung J5 phone recovered from him is hereby forfeited to the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the EFCC.

The Defendant will enter a written undertaking to be of good conduct. His passport photograph will be attached thereto.



EFE IKPONMWOBA

JUDGE

9/11/2022