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

SUIT NO: KWS/103^C/2021

ON FRIDAY 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, HONOURABLE JUSTICE .M. ABDULGAFAR

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

HAASTRUP SAMUEL.....DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

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

“That you Haastrup Samuel (aka Ollis Vincent) between the months of June and July 2020 or thereabout in Ilorin within the jurisdiction of this court did knowingly had under your control the sum of #12, 570,025 (Twelve Million Five hundred and Seventy thousand Twenty five naira) in both your First Bank account number 3115336228 and Polaris Bank account number 1130413310 the money you knew to be unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under section 319A of Penal Code”.

2. The prosecution called Detective Ganiyat Ayoku as its only witness after the plea of the defendant was taken. It is the evidence of PW1 that following the Intel received by the Ilorin zonal office of

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EFCC regarding the activities of internet fraudsters at Unigate hostel, Unilorin, operatives of the commission raided the area and arrested the defendant amongst other suspects.

3. It is also the evidence of PW1 that the defendant who was arrested with an iPhone 12 pro max, Infinix Hot 6, Mac book and 1 watch was taken to EFCC office where he was given attestation forms to complete.

It is the further evidence of PW1 that the defendant completed the form by stating his device details, email address and passwords.

PW1 stated that on analysing the emails, it was discovered that the defendant was representing himself as a white female so as to acquire the account details of unsuspecting victims.

4. PW1 also stated that the defendant was also receiving and warehousing thousands of dollars for his associates in fraud and the dollars is converted into naira through his Polaris and First Bank accounts.

PW1 stated that the investigation reveals that a total sum of ₦28,442,206 passed through the account while there was out flow of ₦24,720,905 leaving a balance of ₦5,721,880 which has been placed on watch.

PW1 stated that the fraudulent emails were printed out in the presence of the defendant who acknowledged by signing on each page of the print out before he wrote down the confession he had made admitting the commission of the offences. PW1 concluded by stating that the defendant signed a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

5. Mr. Adebayo in his address urged the court to hold the prosecution has established the case against the defendant in the light of the evidence of PW1 and the guilty plea of the defendant. Mr. Yahaya for the defendant had nothing to urge in his favor.

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I have considered the evidence of PW1, exhibits 1 – 9 as well as the guilty plea of the defendant and find as a fact that the prosecution has established the case against the defendant beyond reasonable doubt.

6. Consequently, I convict you Haastrup Samuel of knowingly having in your control the sum of ₦12,570,025. In your first bank account number 3115336228 and Polaris bank account number 1130413310, money you knew was proceed of unlawful activity contrary to section 319^A of the Penal code law.



Hon. Justice M. Abdulgafar
Judge
15/10/21.

Appearances:

A.A. Adebayo for Prosecution
S.T. Yahaya for Defendant.

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