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 MONDAY THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

BETWEEN:

CHARGE NO. B/CD/EFCC/197/22

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AND

COMPLAINANT

OKOLIE COLLINS

DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

The Defendant is charged in an amended charge with fraudulent representation contrary to Section 484 of Criminal Code. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Court is informed that he applied for a Plea deal and it was granted and this resulted in a Plea Bargain Agreement.

In pleading for the Defendant, Learned Counsel has appealed to the Court to reduce the fine sum agreed on.

In sentencing the Defendant, I have taken into consideration the fact that the Defendant pleaded guilty and said the Court the time it would have spent trying this matter.

I have also taken into consideration the plea of Learned Counsel and the Plea Bargain Agreement.

Recognizing that I am not bound by the Plea Bargain Agreement, I have examined the agreement dated 24/5/2022, and I find it acceptable except that in

view of plea of learned counsel I have decided to exercise my discretion and reduce the sum agreed on.

Accordingly, the Defendant is sentenced to two years or pay a fine of N200,000.00.

The Defendant shall forfeit to the Federation Government of Nigeria through the EFCC, his iphone 7 recovered from him.

He shall enter a written undertaking to be of good conduct going forward and his passport photograph is to be attached thereon.

EFE IKPONMWOBA

JUDGE 1/8/2022