

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA**  
**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT ASABA**  
**ON FRIDAY THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019**  
**BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, HON. JUSTICE DR. NNAMDI O. DIMGBA**  
**JUDGE**

SUIT NO: FHC/ASB/CR/55C/19

**BETWEEN:**

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA .....COMPLAINANT**

**AND**

**FAVOUR OKUSHI (ALIAS JOHN NGUYEN)..... DEFENDANT**

**JUDGMENT**

On the basis of a plea bargain agreement dated and filed 03/07/2019, between the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Complainant), (represented by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and Favour Okushi (Alias John Nguyen) (Defendant), the Charge against the Defendant is dated and filed 03/07/2019 and alleges as follows:

*That you Favour Okushi (Alias John Nguyen) sometimes between 2018 and June 2019 in Warri Delta State within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently impersonates the identity of one John Nguyen an American by sending documents to unsuspecting ladies through the internet which documents you claim emanated from the said John Nguyen with intent to obtain money from the ladies,*

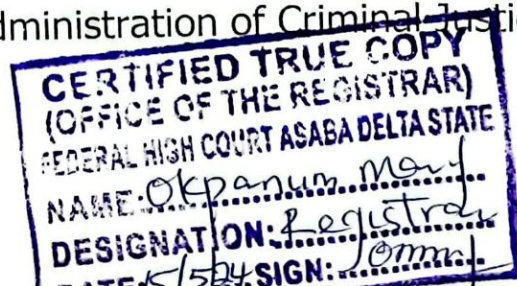


*and you thereby committed an offence contrary to section 22(2) (b) (ii) of the Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention) Act 2015 and punishable under section 22(2) (b) (iv) of the same Act.*

On the 05/07/2019 the Defendant was arraigned and a plea was taken with the Defendant pleading guilty to the one count charge. The matter progressed to hearing. The Prosecution in an effort to prove that the Defendant committed the offence alleged, despite his plea, called one witness, **Chika Uneke (PW1)** who after the administration of oath testified to the Defendant's arrest and all the effort and steps taken by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), following the Defendant's apprehension, to establish the crime. Three (3) **Exhibits** were tendered through the PW1 as follows:

1. Statements of the Defendant, dated 22/06/2019, 26/06/2019 and 27/06/2019 – admitted as **Exhibit FO1**.
2. Document generated from social medial account - admitted as **Exhibit FO2**.
3. Iphone - admitted as **Exhibit FO3**.

The learned counsel to the Prosecution urged the Court to convict the Defendant based on his plea of guilt and the adduced evidence and to impose the penalty agreed upon by the parties in the plea bargain agreement in line with Section 270 (4) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015.



## **CONVICTION**

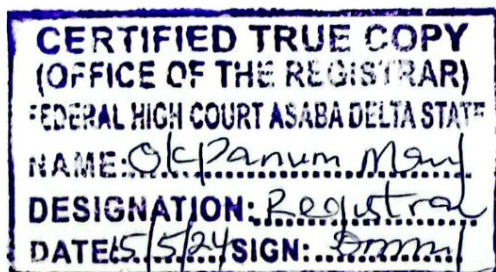
Having reviewed the evidence as well as taken into account the content of the plea agreement dated and filed on 03/07/19, as well as the guilty plea of the Defendant to the one count charge, I am convinced of the guilt of the Defendant and therefore convict him accordingly.

## **SENTENCE**

I have studied the terms of the plea agreement and note that I am not satisfied with same in view of the ravaging effects of the offence the convict has been charged with, cybercrime fraud, and the negative impact it has created about the image of Nigeria as a den of fraudsters. I am of the view that a more deterrent punishment should be imposed. I am therefore sentencing the convict 1 year imprisonment with effect from today, the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2019 and a fine of N200, 000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira).

I further order that Exhibits FO3 be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

  
**NNAMDI O. DIMGBA**  
**JUDGE**  
**05/07/2019**

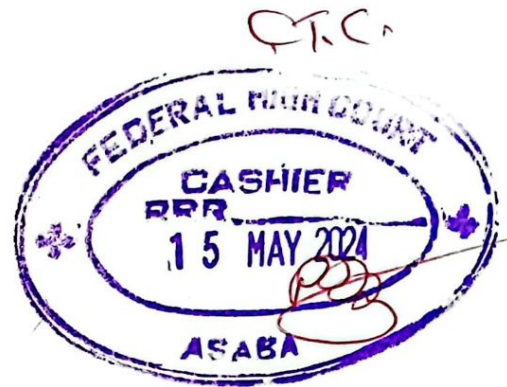


Parties: Defendant in Court.

Appearances: **L.P. Aso Esq**, with **V.O. Agboje Esq, M.O Arumemi Esq, I. Ilodi Esq** for the Prosecution.

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