

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT MAITAMA

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP : HON. JUSTICE .Y. HALILU
COURT CLERKS : JANET O. ODAH & ORS
COURT NUMBER : HIGH COURT NO. 26
CASE NUMBER : SUIT NO: CR/227/19
DATE: : TUESDAY 26TH MARCH, 2019

BETWEEN

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

IDEMUDIA EMMANUEL (AKA) } DEFENDANT
KING ALBERTO }

JUDGMENT

The Defendant was arraigned by the Prosecution on one count charge to wit;

“That you Idemudia (Alias King Alberto) sometimes in April 2018 in Abuja within the Judicial Division

of this Honourable Court attempted to commit cheating when you created a gmail account profile in the name of King Alberto, a male Caucasian with email kingalberto55@gmail.com and in that assumed character attempted to fraudulently induced one Linda Jones to deliver money to you and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code, Laws of the Federation (Abuja) 1990.”

Upon arraignment the Defendant pleaded guilty base on the plea bargain parties entered.

The offence Defendant is charged with is non-capital offence. Same is one that Defendant can be convicted summarily upon plea of guilt. Consequently, Defendant having pleaded guilty to the one (1) count charge which is punishable under Section 320 of penal code, he is hereby convicted.

ALLOCUTUS

There is a plea bargain agreement executed by the convict and Prosecution. In the said plea bargain agreement, it was agreed that convict be given 1 month sentence or fine. Convict is a young man who has shown remorse. He has been in EFCC custody for two months without any assistance.

He is an orphan, we urge the court to give him option of fine. We pray he does not go back to the crime again.

SENTENCING

I have listened to the allocutus of the convict as aptly presented by his counsel. The offence in question for which Defendant has been convicted is a cyber crime related crime.

Many have fell victim of the so called yahoo fraud. The very essence of Information Technology, they say the

least has been abused. It's unfortunate I've also hoped that the intellectual ingenuity deployed toward securing unsuspected members of the public, the effort could have been deployed by such ungodly elements toward more productive venture. It is my prayer that the convict (Idemudia Emmanuel Aka King Alberto), whatever and whenever his kingdom is, will from today repent from his sinful way of life before a greater arm of the law catches up with him. I hereby sentence you to a term of one month in prison. Same shall be served in Suleja Prison, Niger State. I hereby Order that the Iphone 6 used by the convict be and is hereby forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Justice Y. Halilu
Hon. Judge
26th March, 2019