

PRACTICE DIRECTIONS AND GENERAL WARRANT

RE: POWER OF CHIEF MAGISTRATES TO TRY CERTAIN OFFENCES

In exercise of the powers conferred on me as the Chief Judge of Edo State by Section 6(1) (a) of the Magistrates' Courts Law, Cap. 97, Volume IV, Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria 1976 applicable in Edo State of Nigeria by virtue of Section 4 of Act No. 41 of 1991 and by virtue of all other laws enabling me in that behalf I, **CROMWELL OSAMWONYI IDAHOSA**, Chief Judge of Edo State of Nigeria, hereby issue the following Practice Directions and General Warrant:

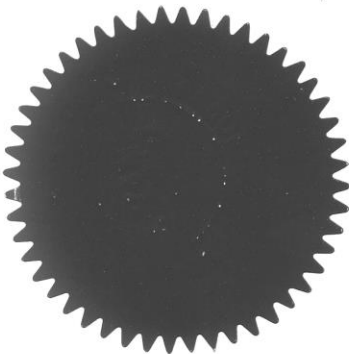
1. Every Magistrate shall have power to try all the offences contained in the Criminal Code Cap. 48 Vol. II Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria 1976 now applicable in Edo State except those punishable with death or life imprisonment without prejudice to the right of Chief Magistrates to try the offences listed in the schedule to this Practice Directions.
2. In stations where there are no Chief Magistrates, the Presiding Magistrate shall transfer such case(s) to the office of the Chief Registrar for assignment to a Chief Magistrate for hearing and determination.
3. This Practice Directions and General Warrant shall come into force

on 1st July, 2011.

ISSUED UNDER THE HAND AND SEAL OF THE HON. CHIEF JUDGE OF EDO STATE, THIS 30th DAY OF JUNE, 2011.



HON. JUSTICE C. O. IDAHOSA
CHIEF JUDGE
EDO STATE



SCHEDULE
LIST OF OFFENCES TO BE TRIED BY CHIEF MAGISTRATES

OFFENCES	ENACTMENT	PUNISHMENT
Defilement	Section 218 Criminal Code	Life imprisonment
Rape	Section 358 Criminal Code	- do -
Stealing of Wills	Section 390(1) Criminal Code	- do -
Stealing of Postal matter	Section 390 (2) Criminal Code	- do -
House breaking/Burglary	Section 411(1) & (2) Criminal Code	- do -
Arson	Section 443 Criminal Code	- do -
Forging Public Seals	Section 467(1) Criminal Code	- do -