

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT NYANYA- ABUJA

THIS WEDNESDAY THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE ALIYU YUNUSA SHAFI

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/781/2024

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

AKINREMI AYOMIDE SAMUEL..... DEFENDANT

ARRAIGNMENT

Defendant: present in court

Charge:cheating by personation.

Appearance: J. N. Dosonyaro for the Prosecution.

Defendant: A. A. Aliyu for the defendant.

Prosecution: before the court is a one count charge dated 25/09/2024 and filed on the 27/09/2024. We Apply that the charge be read to the defendant for his plea.

Court: defendant do you have any objection

Defendant no objection.

Court: the one count charge is read and explained to the defendant, the defendant is called upon to reply to the said charge.

Court: defendant do you understand the said charge.

Defendant yes I do

Defendant are you guilty or not guilty

Defendant: I am guilty.

Prosecution: in view of the defendant's plea of guilt, we apply that the court convicts the defendant in view of his plea.

CONVICTION:

I am satisfied that the defendant having understood the context of the one court charge read and explained to him and admitted same knowing fully well the consequences of his admission. This court will accept the defendant's plea of guilty and convict the defendant of the offence of attempt to cheat by personation punishable under section 324 of the penal code law.

Allocutus : I am wrong for doing that and want the court to give me a second chance and promise to be a changed person.

DEFENCE:

The defendant is a first time offender and The defendant has been in the EFCC custody for couple of weeks. This has helped him realize how wrong he is. The convict has always been a good boy and got involved with a wrong cabal and that influence him negatively.

In the light of the foregoing if the court is mindful to give a second chance he will be a changed person.

Prosecution: is there any record of previous conviction of the convict known to you

Prosecution none to the prosecution.

That the defendant has applied for plea bargain to the office same has not been read and hence offer for trial without the plea bargain.

SENTENCE:

I have carefully listened to the plea of allocutus made by the convict and the addition made by the defence counsel to the defendant/convict though from the allocutus I can understand that the convict is a first time offender and without any previous record of conviction known to the court.

In view of the plea of allocutus made of the said convict coupled with the fact that the offence in issue is an attempt, i shall be lenient with the convict. Hence the convict is hereby sentenced to 6 months or he is to pay a fine of N100, 000.00.

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Hon. Justice A. Y. Shafa