

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

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT NYANYA- ABUJA

THIS WEDNESDAY THE 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE ALIYU YUNUSA SHAFI

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/958/2024

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

DAVID PATRICK ONANEFE (AKA Terry Williams)..... DEFENDANT

ARRAIGNMENT

Defendant present in court offence cheating by personation

Appearance: Maryam Aminu Ahmed for the Prosecution.

Defendant B. Ali for the defendant.

Prosecution the matter is for arraignment on a charge dated 21-10-2024 and filed on the 14/11/2024 that has been served on the defendant.

We Apply that the charge be read to him to enable him take his plea.

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

Court: defendant do you understand the said charge?

Defendant yes I do

Court: defendant are you guilty or not guilty.

Defendant I am guilty

Prosecution in view of the plea of the defendant, urge the court to convict the defendant.

Conviction

I am satisfied that the defendant having understood the content of the charge/one count read and explained to him and admitted same, knowing the consequences of his admission.

This court will adopt the defendant's plea of guilty and convict the defendant for the offence of attempt to commit an offence i.e cheating by personation punishable under section 35 of the Penal law.

Prosecution: following the investigation by the commission an Iphone 15 promax was recovered from the convict. The convict used the said phone to commit the crime. We Urge the court to make an order that the said phone be sold by the EFCC and the money realized be paid to proceeds account of the Federation.

We Further urge the court to sentence the convict accordingly.

Allocutus:

I am sorry for doing it and promise never to go back again. That this is my first time being in police station and the EFCC station promised never to go back again.

Defence: the convict is a first time offender and this is the first time the convict has appeared before the court.

The convict has no prior criminal record and acknowledges the gravity of the offence he committed and has expressed sincere remorse. We Ask the court to show the defendant some leniency and give him option of fine.

Prosecution there is no past criminal record against the convict.

Court: the convict is hereby sentenced to 6 months or a fine of N100, 000. The Iphone 15 promax used to commit the crime is hereby forfeited to the FG same be sold and the proceed paid into the recovery account of the FG. Through the office of the EFCC

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Hon. Justice A. Y. Shafa