

**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. 14**  
**CASE NUMBER : CHARGE NO:CR/567/2024**  
**DATE: : MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**BETWEEN:**

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

**AND**

**GODFREY NSANG ISHAKU**  
(a.k.a Owe n Smith)

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**DEFENDANT**

## **JUDGMENT**

Defendant was arraigned before the court on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 on a one count charge, based on a Plea Bargain Agreement dated the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 duly signed by both Prosecution and Defendant in that order.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the one count charge.

Regardless of the existence of a Plea Bargain Agreement, aforementioned, I have taken note of the fact that the offence in question is not capital in nature to warrant a not guilty plea to be entered for the Defendant.

In view of the guilty plea entered by the Defendant, and pursuant to Section 270 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA), 2015 which envisages Plea Bargain Agreements of this nature, I shall therefore proceed to convict the Defendant as charged.

Accordingly, Defendant is hereby convicted as charged.

***Justice Y. Halilu***  
***Hon. Judge***  
***8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024***

## **ALLOCUTUS**

Ogbuaju:-We most humbly pray the Court to sentence Convict based on the Plea Bargain Agreement which is before the Court.

Prosecution:- There is a Plea Bargain Agreement before the Court which we hereby adopt, and pray the Court to sentence the Convict based on the term.

## **SENTENCING**

I have listened to the Convict's Allocutus as ably presented by his counsel.

The incessant cases of crimes being committed by our youths which are associated with Cyber-crimes calls for serious concern.

Even though the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has entered into a Plea Bargain Agreement with the Convict, I would also further advice that Convict be subjected to custodial training in other fields of endeavor which in the end will add value to not just the Convicts, but the society at large.

Convict is hereby sentenced to a term of six (6) months in imprisonment with an option to pay fine of N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira).

Convict shall similarly forfeit his Samsung S23 phone used to perpetrate the crime and the sum of \$946.00 (Nine Hundred and Forty-Six United State Dollars) to the Federal Government of Nigeria being proceeds of crime.

Convict shall also depose to affidavit of good character before the Registrar of this court.

***Justice Y. Halilu***  
***Hon. Judge***  
***8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024***

**APPEARANCES**

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C.C. Ogbuagu, Esq. – for Defendant.