

**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/570/2024**  
**DATE: : MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2024**

**BETWEEN:**

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

**AND**

**YUSUF KANAS KOLAWOLE  
(a.k.a Mel Maringo)**

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**DEFENDANT**

## **JUDGMENT**

Defendant was arraigned before the court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 on a one count charge, based on a plea Bargain Agreement dated the 3<sup>rd</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  
3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024***

## **ALLOCUTUS**

Goodluck, Esq.: - We urge the court to sentence the Convict as per the Plea Bargain Agreement.

Maryam, Esq.: - We have filed a Plea Bargain Agreement which we hereby adopt, urging the court to sentence the Convict.

Goodluck, Esq.: - We agree.

## **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.

Eventhough 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 Convict, 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 iPhone 13 and the sum of \$400 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024***

**APPEARANCE**

Maryam A.A, Esq. – for Prosecution.

Godluck Joseph Agbo, Esq. – for the Defendant.