

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/842/2024
DATE: : WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2024

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

ELOH ABUMERE (a.k.a Martin Marie Louisa) .. DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

Defendant was arraigned before this court on the 20th November, 2024 on a one count charge, based on a Plea Bargain Agreement dated the 20th November, 2024 duly signed by both Prosecution and Defendant in that order.

It is constitutionally true that this court is not of summary trial and therefore the Prosecution needs to establish the guilt of a Defendant despite a guilty plea.

However, by the deliberate provision of section 270 of Administration of Crime Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 which allows for Plea bargain with a suspect, a High Court can similarly try and convict a Defendant who enters into a Plea Bargain Agreement once the charge is not one of capital nature.

Arising from the Plea of the Defendant, and on the strength of the Plea Bargain Agreement, Defendant is hereby so convicted as charged on the one count charge.

***Justice Y. Halilu
Hon. Judge
20th November, 2024***

ALLOCUTUS

Maryam, Esq.: - We have filed a Plea Bargain Agreement. We adopt same in urging the court to convict and sentence the Defendant.

SENTENCING

Convict is hereby sentenced to an imprisonment term of three months with the option to pay N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) as fine.

The Hp Pavilion recovered from the convict which was bought with proceeds of crime shall be sold by Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and proceeds paid into proceed of crime account of the Federation.

Similarly, the white Mecedez Benz ML350 convict used the proceeds of crime to purchase be sold by Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and proceeds paid into the same Crime Account of the Federation.

Convict shall depose to affidavit of undertaking to be of good behaviour.

***Justice Y. Halilu
Hon. Judge
20th November, 2024***

APPEARANCES

Maryam A. A., Esq. – for the Prosecution.

Layi Ademokoya, with **Nnamdi A., Esq.**– for the Defendant