

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/844/2024
DATE: : WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2024

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

1. IDIOGBE DAMILOLA (a.k.a Nguyen Linda Phudony) DEFENDANTS
2. AURORA MOJICA (Now at large)

JUDGMENT

Defendants were arraigned before this court on the 20th November, 2024 on a one (1) count charge, based on a Plea Bargain Agreement dated the 20th November 2024 duly signed by both Prosecution and Defendants 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 Defendants 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 Defendants who enters into a Plea Bargain Agreement once the charge is not one of capital nature.

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

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

ALLOCUTUS

Maryam, Esq.: -We have a Plea Bargain Agreement. We urge the court to convict the Defendants as charged.

SENTENCING

Convicts are hereby sentenced to a term of one year imprisonment with option to pay N200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) as fine.

Convicts shall depose to affidavit of good character before this court.

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

APPEARANCES

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

Nnamdi A., Esq. with **Angela Ode, Esq.** – for the Defendants