

**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. 13**  
**CASE NUMBER : CHARGE NO: CR/343/2024**  
**DATE: : MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2024**

**BETWEEN:**

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

**AND**

**UDOFIA LAWRENCE OTO-OBONG } DEFENDANT**  
**(AKA Ashley Jekinson) }**

# **JUDGMENT**

I have seen and read the two (2) Counts charge against the Defendant.

I have also listened to the plea of the Defendant. I am minded to state that though this Court is not one of summary trial, the provision of Section 270 of ACJA, 2015 has made it possible for this Court to convict and sentence a Defendant upon a Plea Bargain Agreement. It is also to be noted that the Charge against the Defendant is not Capital in Nature to deflate the said Plea Bargain Agreement as the Court would not enter a Plea of guilty even when the Defendant does admit committing the crime.

On above score, accordingly, the Defendant is hereby convicted as charged pursuant to Section 324 of the Penal Code Law in both Count 1 and 2 in that Order.

***Justice Y. Halilu  
Hon. Judge  
21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024***

## **ALLOTUCUS**

Obila:- We have a Plea Bargain Agreement with the Prosecution. We urge the Court to sentence the Convict as agreed.

Joseph:- We are in Agreement.

## **SENTENCING**

The manner cybercrime and other internet related fraud is being perpetuated by our teening youths call for serious concern. Clearly, the implication of what these young boys and girls are into seem not to worry them as they seem oblivious of the repercussion of their conducts. I say no more.

In view of the Plea Bargain Agreement put in place, I shall proceed to sentence the Convict.

Convict is hereby sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment with an option to pay fine of N300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira). Convict shall forfeit iphone 11 pro max, Samsung S22 and Laptop used in committing the said crime to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The forfeited gadgets shall be auctioned by EFCC and proceeds realized paid into Federal Government of Nigeria account.

Convit shall depose to affidavit of good character and behaviour. The recovered sum of \$4,500 be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria and same shall be paid into the account of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The receipt of these payment shall be brought to the Registrar of this Court.

***Justice Y. Halilu  
Hon. Judge  
21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024***

**APPEARANCES**

S.O Obila, Esq. with T.M. Anameze, Esq. for the Prosecution.

Joseph Nyong, Esq. for Defendant.