

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE F.C.T.

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT ZUBA, ABUJA

ON THURSDAY THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE K. N. OGBONNAYA
JUDGE

SUIT NO.: FCT/HC/CR/36/2022

BETWEEN:

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE -- COMPLAINANT/APPLICANT

AND

1. MRS. NZE CHIKA NANCY NGONADI } DEFENDANTS
2. NZE PIUS CHUMAIFE }

RULING

It is unfortunate that in this matter premised on custody of an innocent child the mother of the child is been charged with attempted kidnap and abduction. She has decided as it were not to come to Court to exercise her right to be heard and answer to the allegation made against her.

The Court was forced as it were to make an Order for Warrant of her arrest after it was clear that she does not want to come to Court on her volition. But here again the story has further confirmed the suspicions of the Court that she is likely evading arraignment.

The Court has noted what the Nominal Complainant Counsel has said in this case. The Court had noted also what the Defendant Counsel has said. The Court has noted with displeasure that the Prosecution Counsel did not come to Court and could not even out of respect to Court tell Court why he could not come to Court.

The Court shall most reluctantly adjourn this case for arraignment.

The Defendant Counsel should know that the Warrant of Arrest is still open and subsisting.

The Commissioner of Police should also know that this matter is still in Court.

On the next adjourned date the Nominal Complainant and the Defendants should be in Court.

Matter adjourned to 11th July, 2024.

This is the Ruling of this Court.

Delivered today the ___ day of _____ 2024 by me.

K.N. OGBONNAYA
HON. JUDGE

APPEARANCE:

DEFENDANT COUNSEL:

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NOMINAL COMPLAINANT COUNSEL:

CHUKWUEBUKA
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PROSECUTION COUNSEL: NOT REPRESENTED.