

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/847/2024
DATE: : THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY, 2025

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

TEMITOPE ATURU MARIO DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

Defendant was arraigned before this court on the 30th January, 2025 on a one (1) count charge, based on a Plea Bargain Agreement dated the 29th January, 2025 duly signed by both Prosecution and Defendant in that order.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the one (1) 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 Agreement 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

30th January, 2025

ALLOCUTUS

Emenike:-The Convict is a first time offender and a serving corps member and an only son of his parents. We appeal for sentencing pursuant to the Plea Bargain Agreement.

Robert:- We agree.

SENTENCING

Convict is hereby sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment or to pay fine of N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira).

Convict shall forfeit his iphone 12 Pro Max to the Federal Government of Nigeria which shall be auctioned and proceeds paid into the EFCC recovery account No. 0020089341028 with Central Bank of Nigeria.

Convict shall depose to affidavit before the Court to be of good behavior.

***Justice Y. Halilu
Hon. Judge***

30th January, 2025

APPEARANCES

S.N. Robert, Esq. – for Prosecution.

G.I. Emenike, Esq. – for Defendant.