

**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/834/2024**  
**DATE: : THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025**

**BETWEEN:**

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

**AND**

**PETER JOSEPH (a.k.a RICHARD CEO)..... DEFENDANT**

## **JUDGMENT**

Defendant was arraigned before this court on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 on a one count charge, based on a Plea Bargain Agreement dated the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 duly signed by both Prosecution and Defendant in that order.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the one count charge.

This is not a Court of summary trial ordinarily... however, by the effect of Section 270 ACJA 2015, once Prosecution and Defendant reach agreement by way of Plea Bargain, such a Defendant then can be convicted and sentenced summarily.

I have seen the Plea Bargain Agreement duly signed by both parties. The duty of this Court, only, faced with such, is to proceed to convict and sentence a Defendant pursuant to the said agreement unless the Court feels or thinks otherwise.

Accordingly, Defendant is hereby convicted as charged.

***Justice Y. Halilu  
Hon. Judge  
30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025***

## **ALLOCUTUS**

Diribe:- Prosecution and Convict have had a Plea Bargain Agreement after the Plea of the Defendant. We adopt the said Plea Bargain Agreement in urging the Court to sentence the Defendant after caution.

Kadiri:- We are in agreement.

## **SENTENCING**

Taken into account the Plea Bargain Agreement, Convict is hereby sentenced to a term of six (6) months imprisonment with an option to pay the sum of N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) as fine.

Convict shall depose to affidavit of good character before this Court.

The iPhone 13 Pro which was used by the convict as instrument for the unlawful activities shall and is hereby forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria. Same shall be sold and proceeds paid into Federal Government of Nigeria crimes recovery account.

***Justice Y. Halilu  
Hon. Judge  
30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025***

## **APPEARANCES**

Defendant in Court.

I. Diribe, Esq. – for Prosecution.

Bobby Kadiri, Esq. – for Defendant.