

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT GWAGWALADA- ABUJA**

**THIS THURSDAY THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023**

**BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE ALIYU YUNUSA SHAFI**

**SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/671/2023**

**BETWEEN:**

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

**AND**

**AYODELE AYOMIDE (AKA FELIX COOPER) .... DEFENDENT**

Court: this matter is for arraignment.

Defence present in court.

Offence: Cheat by personation punishable under such section 324 of the penal code.

Appearance: A. O. Adeola for prosecution EFCC.

Defendant: Bello Lukman Ibrahim for the defendant.

Prosecution: Before the court is a one count charge file on the 28/09/2023 pursuant to the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and the defendant. Pray that the one count charge be read to the defendant as to enable him take his plea.

Court: proceed to read the charge.

Court: the one count charge of the offence contrary to section 321 of the penal code law was read and explained to the defendant. The defendant is called upon to reply to the one count charge.

Court: defendant do you understand the charge.

Defendant yes

Court: defendant are you guilty or not guilty?

Defendant I am guilty

Prosecution: in line with the plea of guilt of the defendant urge the court to convict and sentence the defendant in accordance with the plea bargain agreement filed before this court.

### CONVICTION

I am satisfied that the Defendant having understood the content of the one count charge read and explained to him in English language and admitted same, knowing the consequences of the admission I shall accept the Defendant admission of guilt and at the same time accept the plea bargain agreement entered between the Defendant and the prosecution to sentence the defendant.

Allocutos:

It was youthful experience that led me into this proven and I have learnt my lesson. During the past one and half year, I have completed data analysis entry level course for soft development and applied for Data Science at faculty of ClafineWapeldo University and have been accepted, but ask to defer the semester because I have been reported to the EFCC custody to sign and was told I couldn't travel and I defer the commissioner to December.

I am pleading with the court to temper justice with mercy.

Defence counsel:

In furtherance to the plea of allocutos by the defendant, that the defendant have learnt his lesson in a bitter and hard way as he was arrested three days before his interview. That between this period the convict lost his father and the mother is seriously Ill battling a high blood pressure as we speak.

The convict has turn a new leaf and receive to make good ends meet by seeking and being admitted AG the faculty of science at the Klepodel University.

Sentencing him is at the discretion of the court, urge the court to light the sentence because he will be the one responsible for the fine and the one taking care of the mother.

Urge the court to temper justice with mercy and give the defendant a new life is from today.

Court: pros. Is there any previous record of any conviction known to you by the convict?

Pros: we don't have any previous record of the convict.

### SENTENCE

The defendant AyodeleAyomide ( A.k.Afelix copper) was charged on one count of cheating by personation by pretending to be an Austria based Geo scientist

named Felix copper on [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com) via [Felixcopper0606@gmail.com](mailto:Felixcopper0606@gmail.com) and inforfrance did obtain the sum of \$14,500usd ( fourteen thousand five hundred dollars ) from Arthur provisout a citize of United state of America and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 321 of the penal code law ( act )Abuja cap 532 LFN 2004 and punishable under section 324 of the penal code.

The defendant then pleaded guilty to the one count charge therefore the prosecutors police that defendant be convicted and sentenced based on the plea bargain entered between the defendants and the prosecution

On it plea this court cumulates the defendant for the offence of cheating by personation punishable under section 324 of the penal code law.

Upon conviction he pleaded to the court to temper justice with mercy that it was one to his youthful exuberant that put him into this problem and have learnt his lesson. That during the past one and half year he has completed data analysis entry level course to soft development application for data science of faculty of science at klopelde University and have been accepted but asked to differ the admission because he has been reported to EFCC that he was told he could not travel,he then differ his admission to December 15 that he is pleading with the court to temper justice with mercy.

In addition to the defendant under plea of mercy the defense counsel one Bello looqman Ibrahim added that the convict have learnt his lesson in a bitter hard way and he was arrested three days beforehand his interview. That between the period the convict lost his father and the mother is seriously ill battling with high blood pressure.

Further more that the cob has turned over a new leaf and decided to make good ends meet by seeking and being admitted at the faculty of science at klopede university.

That sentencing the convict is of the desertion of the court hence urge the court to light the sentence because he will be the one responsible for the fine and the one the one taking care of his mother therefore urge the court to temper justice with mercy and give the convict new life as of today.

The prosecutor counsel on it side urge the court to consider the plea bargain entered between the defendants and the prosecution. further that, the defendant have no previous criminal record to his knowledge.

I have carefully listened to the allocutosby the convict and of the defence counsel, and the plea by the prosecution to the court to consider the plea bargain entered between the defendant and the prosecution and that police have no previous record of the criminal activity of the convict meaning that the convict

is a first time offender to this end, the court will consider and accept the plea bargain agreement entered between the defendant and the prosecution for sentencing the convict.

That the convict is still in his youthful age unfortunate caught in a cyber crime in a bid to get rich quick not minding the consequences of his act. The oxymoronic nature of the internet is one of its unforeseen attribute, at its inception, no one, perhaps could have clearly foreseen that and how the internet work someday become a variable platform for globalized criminal activities. youthful exuberant that led him into this problem and have learnt his lesson.

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No. ABC 831 which were all proceeds of crime to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

3. The convict is to depose to an affidavit of undertaking to be of good behaviour before the court for a period of 1 year.

This is my judgement.

In addition, all the items forfeited and ordered by this court should be brought to the court for sightseeing.

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**Hon. Justice A. Y. Shafa**