

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

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

**THIS WEDNESDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023**

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

**SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/109/2023**

**BETWEEN:**

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

**AND**

**PRECIOUS KEHINDE ADEKUNLE (ALIES GRACE ANNA KEITH)  
..... 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: S. O. Obila with T. M. Anameze for prosecution EFCC.

Defendant: Joseph Nyongfor the defendant.

Prosecution: Before the court is a one count charge dated the 4/12/2023 and file on the 5/12/2023, the charge is predicated upon a plea bargain agreement, dated 12/12/20-23 filed on the 13/12/2023, pray the court for the charge be read to the defendant as to enables him take his plea.

Court: the one count charge is 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 view of the plea of guilt of the defendant pray the court to convicted and sentence the defendant based on the plea bargain before the court accordingly.

CONVICTION

I am satisfied that the Defendant having understood the one count charge read and explained to him and pleaded guilty knowing fully well the consequences of the plea, this court will accept the Defendant’s plead of guilt, and convict the Defendant for the offence of impersonation punishable under section 324 of the Penal Code Law.

Prosecution: That the Defendant has returned the sum of \$550 he benefitted also recovered are iPhone 12 Pro and a Dell Laptop Core i7 Model, pray the court for an order forfeiting the gadget and the money to the Federal Government through the EFCC.

Allocutos:

I want the court to pardon me as I have learnt my lesson and promise to go back to the work I learnt.

Defence: The defendant is a first time offender and no previous record of conviction and have restituted whatever he benefitted from the crime. That the Defendant is remorseful and promise never to return to the crime that brought him to the court and therefore solicit for the court’s mercy by considering an option of fine as in the plea bargain and to allow him have a second shot of life to be useful to himself and the society as a whole.

SENTENCE

I have carefully listened to the plea of mercy made by the convict and that of the Defence counsel, and the application of the prosecuting Counsel I shall adopt the terms of the Plea bargain agreement in sentencing the Defendant and shall act under the provision of section 20(1) a, b, c and section 3(1)(a) of the EFCC Act 2004.

In view of the forgoing I shall sentence the convict as follows:

The convict is hereby sentenced to 1 year imprisonment or an option of fine of #200,000.

Acting under the provisions of section 20(1) a, b, & c and sub 2 & 3 I order the property recovered in the course of investigation to be forfeited to the FG and such property be auction and the proceed thereby shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue account of the Federal Government through the EFCC. This is my Judgement.

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

