

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT GWAGWALADA- ABUJA

THIS MONDAY THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2024

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE ALIYU YUNUSA SHAFI

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/64/2024

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA..... COMPLAINANT

AND

BARTHOLOMEW MELODY DEFENDANT

Court: defendant present in court

Offence: section 324 of the penal code

APPEARANCE: S. N. Robert for the prosecution EFCC

A. A. Shuaibu for the defendant

Prosecution: the matter is for arraignment and we most humbly apply that the one count charge be read to the defendant

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 said one count charge.

Defendant yes I do

Court: defendant are you guilty or not guilty

Defendant: I am guilty

Prosecution in view of the plead of guilt entered by the defendant, we apply to the court to convict and sentence the defendant accordingly.

Conviction:

I am satisfied that the defendant having understood the content of the charge read and explained to him and admitted same, knowing fully well the consequences of his admission, I shall accept the guilty plea made by the defendant and convict the defendant for the offence charged by impersonation the offence punishable under section 324 of the penal code law triable by this court.

Allocutus:

I am sorry and promise to be of good behaviour and be useful to the society and also to myself and to be of good character and obey all the laws of the land.

That he was introduced into cybercrime in the year 2022 by a friend named Kingsley and through social media that we made.

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Defendant the convict is a first time offender also he has shown remorse exhibited from his conduct cooperated with the EFCC down to his arraignment today. We urge the court to temper justice with mercy and grant the convict an option of fine rather than confinement and grant him an opportunity to redeem himself and to make himself useful.

Prosecution: in the course of arrest and investigation the defendant/convict restituted the sum of \$110 into the EFCC Recovery Account domiciled with the CBN and urged the court that the said sum be forfeited to FRN and a HP laptop was found in the custody of the convict which investigation showed that the item was used as an instrument to commit the said offence and prayed the court that the said HP Laptop be forfeited to the FRN.

The convict is hereby sentenced to 6 months imprisonment or a fine of N150,000.00.

The \$110 and the HP laptop recovered in the course of investigation is hereby forfeited to the FGN.

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Hon. Justice A. Y. Shafa

