

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT GWAGWALADA- ABUJA

THIS TUESDAY THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2024

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE ALIYU YUNUSA SHAFI

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/280/2024

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

ISAIAH JERE.....DEFENDANT

(Alias Steve c. Anthony Harris)

Court: case for arraignment

Offence section 321 of the penal code law.

Defendant: present in court

Appearance: S. O. Obila for the Prosecution EFCC defendant Bobby Kadiri for the Defendant.

Prosecution: the matter is for arraignment and we are ready. Before the court is a one count dated 4-4-2024 and filed on the 5-4-2024, we pray that the charge be read to the defendant to enable him take ITS PLEA.

COURT: the charge is read so the defendant to enable him take its plea.

Court: the charge is read and explained to the defendant to the defendant. The defendant is called upon to answer the charge.

Court to defendant do you understand the said charge

Defendant yes I do

Court: are you guilty or not guilty

Defendant: I am guilty

Prosecution: in view of the plea of the defendant we apply to the court to convict/ sentence the defendant accordingly

CONVICTION

The defendant having pleaded guilty. The court has accepted the guilty plea made by the defendant and convict the defendant for the offence of personation the offence punishable under section 324 of the penal court punishable by this court

Plea of ALLOCUTUS I want to plead for mercy. I made a wrong choice from the past but now I am a born again Christian being counselled by the church Pastor and his Father and I'm now into welding and he works together with his senior brother.

I was told that life is vanity and that he need to listen to his Father and he should stop all that he has been doing. And that he is ready to work with the father and the pastor.

Defendant pleads for mercy the convict is a first time offender and has been remorseful before the court and pray the court to temper justice with mercy

Prosecution in the course of investigation we recover Samsung A14 PHONE and the father paid \$600 USD we humbly pray that the court gives an order for the forfeiture of same to the FGN and the Aphone 14 be also be forfeited and to the fg THROUGH THE office of the EFCC

SENTENCE

I have considered the plea of mercy made by the defendant and that of the defendant counsel to the defendant. I have no doubt in my mind that the defendant is a first time offender who deserves the mercy of this court.

In view of the foregoing the defendant is hereby sentenced to 6 months imprisonment or a fine of N100, 000. In addition the items recovered are hereby forfeited to the FGN through the office of the EFCC

And the sum of 600 USD is also forfeited to the FG with an order that the said \$600 be returned to the victim through the embassy here in Nigeria and an acknowledgement receipt be brought before this court for acknowledgment.

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Hon. Justice a. y. Shafa