

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE AWKA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT AWKA
ON THURSDAY THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2019
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE

CHARGE NO:FHC/AWK/C/70/2018

BETWEEN:

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

NWACHUKWU
CHEKWUBE

..... DEFENDANT

Case called at 9:44am

The defendant is present in the dock and unfettered.

Appearances:

C.O. Ugwuja prosecuting

No legal Representative for the defendant.

Ugwuja:

The matter is for review of fact. We are ready.

The fact of the matter is as per the charge dated 7/6/18. The defendant pleaded guilty for the charge on 6/3/19 and in further proof of the guilty to defendants. I seek to tender the following:

1. The statement for arresting officer – **EXHIBIT A.**
2. The statement of the officer who witnessed the arrest **EXHIBIT B.**
3. Certificate of Test Analysis **EXHIBIT C.**
4. Packing of Substance Form **EXHIBIT D.**
5. A large Brown envelope and attached to it the Drug Analysis Report/Result as **EXHIBIT E & E¹.**

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019

Ugwuja:
May I seek to open the large brown envelope?

Defendant:

No objection

Court:

Ordered as prayed.

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019

Ugwuja:

This is the Analysed substance found in the transparent evidence pouch.

Defendant

No objection.

Court:

The transparent evidence pouch is admitted in evidence as EXHIBIT F respectively.

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019

Ugwuja:

I also seek to tender the recovered Exhibit weighing 650 grams.

Court:

No objection.

Court:

The Recovered Exhibit of Cannabis Sativa weighing 650 grams admitted as
EXHIBIT G.

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019

Ugwuja:

With the plea and evidence adduced I urge the court to count the defendant as charge.

RIGHT OF REPLY OF THE DEFENDANT

The defendant admits the facts as proved and reviewed by the prosecution.

FINDINGS:

Based upon the confessional statement of the defendant coupled with his open court admission of facts by the defendant. He is hereby found guilty as charged on the one count charge.

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019

PREVIOUS CONVICTION – NIL

ALLOCUTUS:

The convict pleads for leniency.

ORDER AS TO EXHIBIT

Exhibit G is to be destroyed by burning by officers of NDLEA in a public place in the presence of members of the public.

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019

SENTENCE:

Because the defendant is a first time offender the court will be lenient with him pursuant to S.416(2) (d) of the NDLEA Act.

However because of the rampancy of this offence within this jurisdiction the convict must serve as a deterrent to himself and others like him. He is

hereby sentenced to two (2) years imprisonment with Hard labour without any option of fine.

Signed:
B.O. QUADRI
JUDGE
14/3/2019