

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ASABA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ASABA
ON TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE F. A. OLUBANJO
JUDGE**

CHARGE NO: FHC/ASB/74C/21

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIACOMPLAINANT

AND

BLESSED OSARETIN DEFENDANT

Defendant in court

Francis A. Jirbo with I.K Agwai for the Prosecution

Peter Igbinose for the Defendant

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: The matter is for arraignment of the defendant. We have two charges before the court. We want to withdraw the one dated 2nd November, 2021 and filed on 3rd November, 2021 and substitute same with the amended charge dated 2nd February, 2022 and filed on 9th February, 2022.

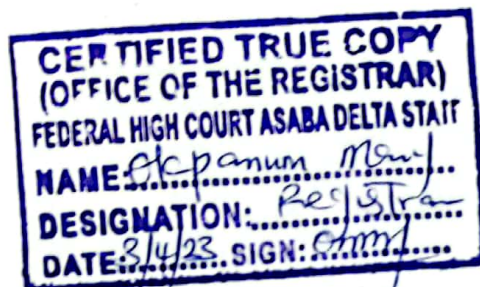
DEFENDANT COUNSEL: No objection.

COURT: Ordered as prayed.

[Defendant speak and understand English language]

Charge read to the defendant in English language, the charge was explained to the defendant.

Defendant understands the charge read and pleads as follows: Defendant pleads guilty to the charge



PROSECUTING COUNSEL: The plea of the defendant is hinged on the plea bargain agreement between the prosecution and the defence. May I in accordance to section 270 subsection 9 and 10 and 352 (2) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 urge the court to proceed to convict the defendant based on his plea of guilt and apply the provision of the plea bargain agreement in sentencing the defendant.

DEFENDANT COUNSEL: The plea of the defendant is in accordance to my advice. I convoked a family meeting which I advised the defendant as regards his rights, we came to a compromise where he agreed to committing the offense and we put it down in an agreement which I signed

COURT: Defendant has pleaded guilty to the essential elements of the offense charged and he is found guilty of the offense created by section 22 subsection 2 [b] [ii] of the cybercrime Act. In accordance with the plea bargain agreement filed on 9th February, 2022 which is hereby made the judgment of this court. Convict is sentenced to 5 years in the custody of the Nigeria Correctional service with the option of 500,000 fine. Sentence shall commence from today and fine shall be paid into the accounts in which fines levied by this court are paid. This court also makes orders of forfeiture, non foreclosure and undertaken to be of good behavior as contained at paragraph 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the plea bargain agreement



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**PROCEEDINGS PREPARED & ARRANGED BY
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