

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA  
IN THE ASABA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT ASABA  
ON THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021  
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE F. A. OLUBANJO  
JUDGE**

CHARGE NO: FHC/ASB/76C/21

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ..... COMPLAINANT

AND

NWOSU JOSEPH ..... DEFENDANT

Defendant in court

F.A Jirbo with K.Y Bello for the Prosecution

Godfrey Forojoh for the Defendant

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: Before your lordship is an amended one count charge filed on 3rd December, 2021. We apply to withdraw the 2 count charge dated 2nd November, 2021 and be substituted with the charge dated 3rd December, 2021. We apply that the charge be read to the defendant for his plea to be taken.

COURT: Charge dated 2nd November, 2021 is struck out and replaced with charge dated 3rd December, 2021.

*[Defendant in Dock, unfettered]*

*[Defendant speak and understand English language]*



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

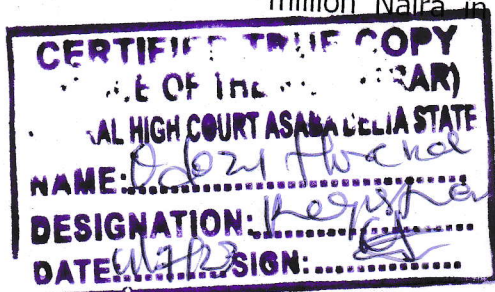
*Defendant understands the charge read and pleads as follows:*

*Defendant pleads guilty to the charge*

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: In view of the plea of the defendant we urged the court to convict the defendant base on his plea, I refer to the section 270 subsection 9 and 10A of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 in convicting and sentencing the defendant based on their plea of guilt as contained in the plea bargain entered to. We also refer to section 356 subsection 2 of the same Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 we urge the court to convince and sentence the defendant. The defendant had entered a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution and we urge the court to accept the plea bargain in convicting the defendant

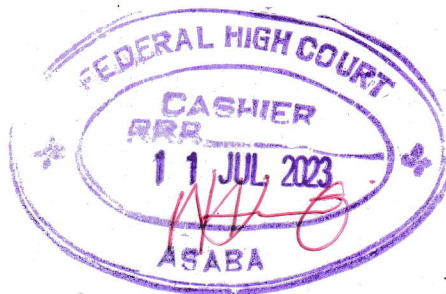
DEFENDANT COUNSEL: We confirm that a plea bargain agreement was signed dated 3rd December, 2021. Both the Defendant and the counsel with the Prosecution signed the plea bargain agreement. The defendant is a young man and first offender and no previous criminal record against him. On the strength of that, we urge My Lord, to act in line with the terms as contained in the plea bargain. The defendant did not even belabor this Honourable Court in going into full trial and he has been remorseful.

COURT: Defendant has pleaded guilty to the essential element of the offense stated on the amended charge. He is found guilty as charged. He is sentenced to a term of 5 years in the custody of the Nigeria Correctional Service or a fine of 1 million Naira in accordance with paragraph 2 of the plea



bargain agreement dated 3rd December, 2021. The terms of the said plea bargain agreement as stated at paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 thereof are also adopted and made the judgment of this Honourable Court

**PROCEEDINGS PREPARED & ARRANGED BY  
ADEWUMI O.F  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER  
9th Day of December, 2021**



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