

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ASABA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ASABA
ON THURSDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE F. A. OLUBANJO
JUDGE**

CHARGE NO: FHC/ASB/51C/22

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

KANAYOCHUKWU ONYEKACHI DEFENDANT

Defendant in court

I.M Elodi (Miss) for the Prosecution

H.A Nwaozor for the Defendant

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: The matter is for ordinarily for plea but the defendant's counsel approached us that the defendant intend to change his plea and has entered a plea bargain agreement. We apply that the charge dated 22nd day of March, 2022 be withdrawn and substituted with the charge dated 20th May, 2022.

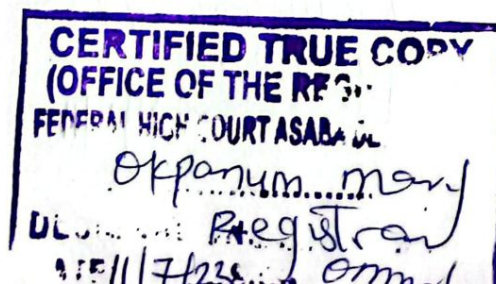
DEFENDANT COUNSEL: No objection My Lord. We are grateful.

COURT: Ordered as prayed.

[Defendant in dock, unfettered]

Defendant speaks and understands 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.

DEFENDANT: I defrauded someone, I am guilty.

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: In view of the plea of the defendant, we urge My Lord, to convict the defendant and also take cognizance of the plea bargain agreement dated 20th May, 2022 in accordance with section 270 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015.

DEFENDANT COUNSEL: We humbly urge My Lord, to consider the plea bargain agreement entered into by the defendant and the prosecution. The defendant has shown sign of remorse and has assured me he will not go back to it again. He is a young man who is supposed to be writing mathematic WAEC today. We urge the court to take a look at paragraph two of the plea bargain and urge My Lord, to review it because he cannot raise the money.

COURT: Why did you sign it?

DEFENDANT COUNSEL: We tried to get one or two of his uncle who said they will try very much to see the money.

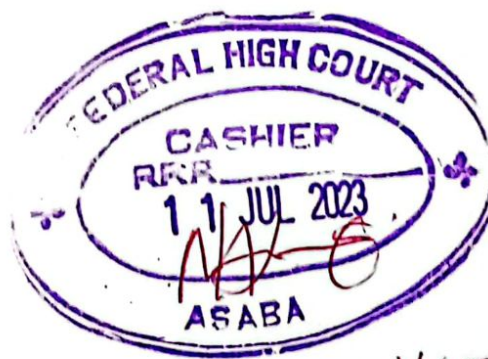
PROSECUTING COUNSEL: We leave it at the discretion of the court.

COURT: Defendant has pleaded guilty to the essential elements of the charge. He is found guilty. The convict is sentenced to two years in the custody of the Nigeria Correctional service with option of payment of 300,000 Naira fine. Fines shall be paid into the account in which fines levied by this court are paid. Sentence shall commence from today. Convict shall make a written undertaken to desist from any form of criminality. Paragraph 3 and 4 of the plea bargain



agreement dated 20th May, 2022 are also made the judgment of this court

**PROCEEDINGS PREPARED & ARRANGED BY
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