

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA  
IN THE ASABA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT ASABA  
ON MONDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021  
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE F. A. OLUBANJO  
JUDGE**

CHARGE NO: FHC/ASB/65C/21

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ..... COMPLAINANT

AND

OKOH PAUL ..... DEFENDANT

Defendant in dock, unfettered

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

Pascal Ugbone with A.S Adesheila for the Defendant

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: Before your lordship is a one count charge. We apply that the charge be read to the defendant for his plea to be taken.

*[Defendant in dock, unfettered]*

*[Defendant speak and understand English language]*

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

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

*Defendant pleads guilty to the charge.*

COURT: Are you aware of the plea bargain agreement?  
DEFENDANT: Yes My Lord.  
COURT: Did you sign voluntarily?



DEFENDANT: Yes My Lord,

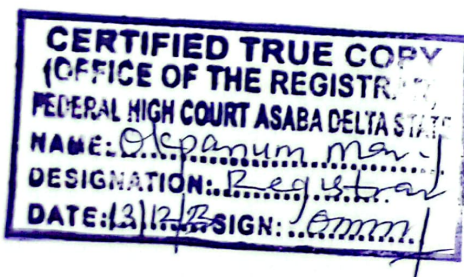
DEFENDANT COUNSEL: He fully understood the importance of the plea bargain. He personally came to my office and after counseling, we approached the Prosecution for plea bargain option.

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: In view of the plea of the defendant, we have a plea bargain agreement prepared. I most humbly apply that this Honourable Court accept the plea bargain in convicting the defendant. I urge your lordship to apply 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 and refer to the case of Dongtoe Vs Civil Service Commission of Plateau State, 2001 LPELR - 959 SC also cited in 2001 9 NWLR part 717, 132 @ 159 paragraphs E - F. We urge the court to convince and sentence the defendant

*[Prosecuting counsel show the court the statement of account referred to in Paragraph 4 of the Plea Bargain Agreement. A Zenith bank Account number, 2360447259 which had a closing balance of 6,649.44as at 16th September, 2021 also of Sterling Bank Account No 007779852 which has a closing balance of 22,618,931.97 as at 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021]*

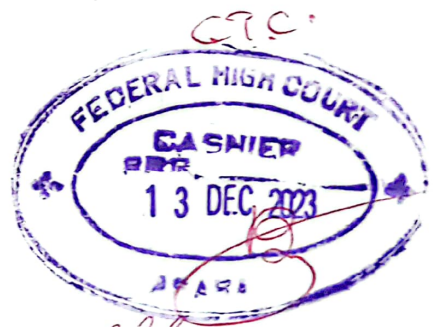
COURT:

Bearing in mind the provision of sections 14 of the cybercrime [prohibition, prevention etc] Act 2015 as well as the provision of section 270 [a] and [10] [a] and 356 [2] of the Administration of Criminal Justice 2015, having carefully read through the proof of evidence, having heard from the defendant and his counsel and also having had the opportunity of sighting the statements of the accounts listed at paragraphs



4 and 5 of the plea bargain agreement dated 14 October, 2021, the defendant is found guilty as charged. He is sentenced to 5 years in the custody of the Nigeria Correctional Service with option of 1 million Naira fine which shall be paid to the account in which fines levied by this court are paid. The contents of paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the plea bargain agreement are also made the judgment of this court. It is also ordered that EFCC may stale apply for the forfeiture of any items, money or property traced to the convict as proceeds of the crime stated on the charge. Convict shall undertake in writing to be of good behavior and desist from criminal activities

PROCEEDINGS PREPARED & ARRANGED BY  
ADEWUMI O.F  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER  
29th Day of November, 2021



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