

**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/68C/21

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ..... COMPLAINANT

AND

GODSTIME IMARIABLE ..... DEFENDANT

Defendant in court

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

Pascal Ugbone for the Defendant

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: Before your lordship is a one count charge dated 27th October, 2021. 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.*

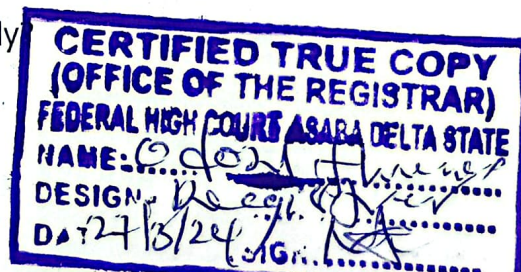
*Defendant understands the charge read and pleads as follows:*

*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 understand fully the importance of the plea bargain. He has shown remorse My Lord, and has been counseled that there is no short court to getting rich.

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

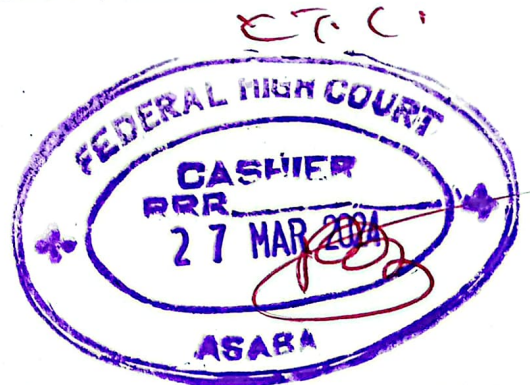
*[Prosecuting counsel show the court the statement of account Nigeria account number 314097791 where the closing balance as at 15th October, 2021 is 6,978.23 thousand Naira and Access Bank Account Number 1400755873 where the closing balance is 100,956.51 Naira as at 21st September, 2021]*

COURT: I have considered the defendant's plea and I am convinced that he pleaded to the essential element of the offense stated on the charge. Furthermore, I am satisfied that he voluntarily signed the plea bargain agreement and that his counsel is aware of this and it was in accordance with his counsel's advise. I have considered the provision of section 14 [2] of the cybercrime [prohibition, prevention etc] Act 2015, section 270 [a] [10a] and 356 [2] of the Administration of Criminal Justice

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Act, 2015 and also the plea bargain agreement dated 14th October, 2021 which I am satisfied meets the justice of this case. The defendant is found guilty as charged and is sentenced to 5 years in the custody of the Nigeria Correctional Services with option of 1 million Naira fine to be paid into the account in which fines levied by this court are paid. This court further makes order of forfeiture as stated at paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the plea bargain agreement. This does not prevent EFCC from applying for further orders of forfeiture regarding money, items or property not therein listed which are traced to the convict as proceeds of the crime for which he has been convicted. Paragraph 6 of the plea bargain is also made part of the judgment of this court.

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



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