

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ASABA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ASABA
ON THURSDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE F. A. OLUBANJO
JUDGE**

CHARGE NO: FHC/ASB/117C/22

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

AKORAH CHINEDU FRIDAY DEFENDANT

Defendant in court

I.K Agwai Esq for the Prosecution

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: May I apply that the matter be stood down for the defendant's counsel to be in court.

COURT: No, I have lots of cases today than to wait for a counsel who is not in court now. Read the charge.

Defendant in dock, unfettered

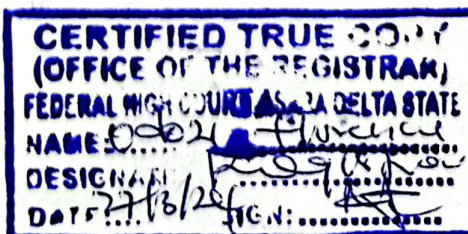
[Defendant speaks and understand English language]

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: I am so sorry my Lord, I have an Application to make before the court to withdraw the charge and substitute with the amended charge.

COURT: I do not have amended charge in my file.

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: I filed the amended charge this morning. I am very sorry my Lord.

COURT: All the time from June till September, you just file amended charge today.



DEFENDANT COUNSEL: We entered into the agreement and had robust discussion on it and terms were drawn. We will be urging my Lord to sentence the defendant in accordance with the terms

COURT: Prosecuting counsel, did you read paragraph two of the plea bargain?

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: Yes my Lord.

COURT: Defendant having pleaded guilty to the essential elements of the offense stated on the amended charge dated 12th August, 2022 and filed on 3rd November, 2022 is found guilty as charged. The plea bargain agreement also dated 12th August, 2022 filed on 3rd November, 2022 is made the judgment of this court to wit: Convict is sentenced to 5 years in the custody of the Nigeria correctional service commencing from today with option of fine of 300,000. Orders of forfeiture and none foreclosure are made as stated at paragraph 3, 4 and 5 of the plea bargain agreement

PROCEEDINGS PREPARED & ARRANGED BY
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