

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ASABA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ASABA
ON MONDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE F. A. OLUBANJO
JUDGE**

CHARGE NO: FHC/ASB/202C/22

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

FIDELIS IGBOI DEFENDANT

Defendant in court

I.K Agwai Esq for the Prosecution

P. Ugbome Esq with A.S Adesheila Esq for the Defendant

COURT: Read the charge.

Defendant in dock, unfettered

[Defendant speaks 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.

DEFENDANT: I committed the offense.

PROSECUTING COUNSEL: In view of the plea of the defendant, I urge the court to take cognizance of section 270, 274 and 356 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 to convict the defendant based on

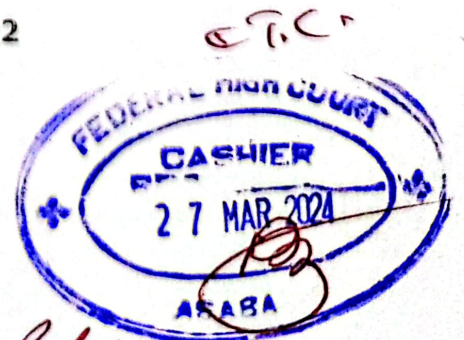


the plea bargain agreement dated 19th October, 2022 and filed on the 20th October, 2022.

DEFENDANT COUNSEL: I confirm that we entered plea bargain agreement. The defendant is a first offender but ignorance of the law is not an excuse. We urge the court to look at the plea bargain agreement and temper justice with mercy.

COURT: The Defendant having pleaded guilty to the essential element of the offense charged is hereby found guilty. I have read through the plea bargain agreement dated 19th October, 2022, but filed on 20th October, 2022. While this court is minded to adopt as its judgment, some terms of that plea bargain agreement, I shall amend some of the terms to suit the justice of this case. Defendant is sentenced to a period of 5 years imprisonment with the option of 1 million Naira fine. Sentence shall commence from today. The petroleum product shall be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria through EFCC. The charge to which the convict pleaded guilty states that the AGO is of substandard quality, as such, it should not be sold as agreed in the plea bargain agreement. Therefore: The EFCC shall in conjunction with the DCR evacuate the said 5,000 liters of AGO which shall be destroyed. The defendant shall make an undertaking to be of good behavior and that he shall not commit any other crime in future

PROCEEDINGS PREPARED & ARRANGED BY
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7th Day of November, 2022



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