

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA

IN THE ILORIN JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDING AT ILORIN

ON MONDAY THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2022

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE I. M. SANI (JUDGE)

SUIT No: FHC/IL/20C/2022

BETWEEN

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA COMPLAINANT

AND

HAMMED AKOREDE HAMMED DEFENDANT

Court Registrar: Defendant in court and understand English language.

Court: Representations?

~~R.E. Alao~~ for the prosecution

~~Olaniyi Salako~~ for the defendant

Alao: The matter is for arraignment and we are ready to proceed.

Court: Yes.

Alao: Before this honorable court is a one count charge dated 1st day of March 2022 and filed on the same date. I apply that the said charge be read to the Defendant for the purpose of his plea.

Interpreter: Read the charge to the Defendant

Defendant: Having understood the charge pleaded guilty.

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Alao: Upon the guilty plea of the Defendant, may we humbly apply to tender the following document in prove of this case from the bar.

Court: Yes.

Alao: We have one computer/telephone attestation form, the Defendant statement, document printed from the e-mail address of the Defendant, and one iphone 6X been the instrumentality of the crime.

Salako: We have no objection My Lord.

Court: In the absence of any objection from learned counsel for the defendant, the above listed documents and materials are admitted in evidence and marked as exhibit A, B, C, and D respectively.

Alao: We urge this honorable court to convict the Defendant as charged base on his guilty plea and the exhibits tendered before this honorable court.

Salako: On our part we have nothing to urge the court yet.

Court: Base on the plea of the Defendant the documents admitted in evidence the Defendant HAMMED AKOREDE HAMMED is hereby found guilty as contained in the charge dated 1st day of March 2022 and is accordingly convicted. Yes, any course to show why he should not be sentence accordingly?

Salako: The convict is a young man of 18 years we urge the court to temper justice with mercy. If the convict is sent to the four walls of the prison, that will be detrimental to his future. The convict just finished secondary school. We are praying this honorable court not to pass the maximum sentence been a first time offender and to explore the option of none custodial measure to the barest minimum which this honorable court will give. The convict is a small boy and for the law he has been remorseful and for the purpose of re-formation, we shall be praying this honourable court not to pass the maximum sentence.

Court: Any records?

Alao: No record of previous convict known the ~~prosecution~~. We however urge this honourable court to order for ~~restitution~~ of \$100 which represents the amount the convict obtained from his victim. And also, we urge the court to forfeit the phone been the instrumentality of the crime to the federal government of Nigeria. May it please this honorable court.

Court: I have listened to the plea for leniency made on behalf of the convict. In sentencing I put into consideration the age of the convict and the fact that he has no record of previous conviction. Been a first offender the court will not impose the maximum sentence on the convict. The convict is hereby sentence to 6 month imprisonment with an option of fine of ₦100, 000 in lieu.



The application of learned counsel for the prosecution for the restitution of the sum of \$100 is granted as prayed. The Iphone 6X+ been the instrumentality of the offense is hereby forfeited to the federal government of Nigeria.

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JUDGE
14/3/2022

