

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF BAUCHI STATE
IN THE HIGH COURT NO. 3 OF BAUCHI STATE JUDICIARY
HOLDEN AT BAUCHI
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP HON. JUSTICE M. A. SAMBO (JUDGE)

BETWEEN:

BA/50/2024

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

BARNABAS EMANUEL BULUS.....DEFENDANT

20/3/2024

Defendant present in Court.

S. E. Okemini for the prosecution.

F. W. Galadima for the Defendant.



Okemini – Before the Court is a lone count charge dated 8/3/2024 filed on 15/3/2024. It is accompanied by prove of evidence and witnesses served on the Defendant. We urged the Court to course same be read out to the Defendant for his plea taking.

Galadima – No objection

Court – this is a one count charge duly accompanied as the instant charge against the Defendant. I order for the charge to be read and explained to the Defendant into the language of his understanding.

Court – What language do you speak?

Defendant – English.

Court – The charge duly read out and explained to the Defendant in to English.

Court – Have you understood the charge duly read out to you?

Defendant – Yes I do understand the charge read out to me.

Court – Are you guilty or not guilty of the charge?

Defendant – I pleads guilty to the charge. By plea to the charge I can be tried and sentence summarily without calling of evidence.

Okemini – With the plea of guilty entered by the Defendant, we urged the Court to try him summarily and find him guilty as charged.

Galadima – No objection for the summary trial of the Defendant.

COURT FINDING:-

With the Defendant plea of guilty to the lone count charge. After he became aware and notices its legal effect, I find the Defendant guilty as charged.

Court – Do you wish to make a plea of allocutus?

Defendant – I am 23 years old student, 1st time offender. I plead for the Court to temper Justice with Marcy.

Okemini – to our knowledge we have no record of previous conviction against the convict and we do not oppose his plea of leniency and any decision to be entered to the convict, we only have an application for order of the Court for the Court to forfeit the I Phone 12 pro used in the commission of this crime to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Galadima – No objection.

COURT SENTENCE:-

After I have listened to the Convict allocutus which have not been opposed by the prosecution counsel which only apply for the forfeiture of an I Phone 12 pro used in committing the act to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

I SENTENCE the convict to pay the fine of N150, 000 only or to serve a prison term of 2 ½ years if he is not able to pay the fine.

In addition I order the I Phone 12 pro used in the commission of the crime be forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

SIGNED

HON. JUSTICE M. A. SAMBO
JUDGE

20/3/2024

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ADAMU GARBA GITAI
ASST. CHIEF REGISTRAR
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