

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF SOKOTO STATE
IN THE SOKOTO JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT SOKOTO
ON THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP:
HON. JUSTICE MOHAMMED MOHAMMED (JUDGE)

SUIT NO. SS/204^C/2023

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA-----COMPLAINANT
AND

JESSE OSAZUWA AILABOJIE----- DEFENDANT

Appearances:

Y.K. Saidu Esq. for the Prosecution

M.J. Audu Esq. for the Defendant.

Y.K. Saidu Esq: The defendant is in court and speaks English language. The case is for mention. The defendant is accused of criminal breach of trust punishable under section 301 of the Sokoto state Penal Code Law 2019 as contained in the one {1} . We apply that the plea of the defendant be taken.

M.J. Audu Esq: We are ready.

Court to Registrar: Read and explain the charge to the hearing of the defendant in English language.

Court to defendant: Did you hear the charge that was read over and explain to you in English language?

Defendant: Yes I heard.

Court: Did you understand the particulars of the charge?

Defendant: Yes I understand.

Court: Are you guilty or not guilty?

Defendant: I am guilty.

Y.K. Saidu Esq: The defendant has approached the prosecution for a plea bargain agreement which the prosecution has accepted the plea bargain agreement and consequently agreed that the defendant shall restate the victim the sum of N216,000 in 3 installments and be sentenced to a fine of N20,000 or 1 year imprisonment in default. We have reduced the agreement into writing and filed same on the 23/1/2024. We have an application for substitution of N115,000 with N216,000 as reflected in paragraph 1 of the terms of plea bargain agreement because it was a typhogorical error;

M.J. Audu Esq: That is the true position of the plea bargain agreement and we have no objection to the substitution of N115,000 with N216,000 as contained in paragraph 1 because it is in fact a typhogorical error.

SENTENCE

Court: In consideration of the provision 169 of the ACJL of Sokoto State 2019, and the plea bargain agreement reached by the parties and filed before this court on the 23/1/2024, I hereby find you Jesse Osazuwa Ailabojie guilty of the offence of Criminal Breach of Trust punishable under section 301 of the Sokoto

state penal code law 2019 and sentence you to a fine of N20,000 for the said offence or 1 year imprisonment in default, and sequel to the application for substitution of N115,000 with N216,000 by the prosecution as restitution money to be paid to the victim made by the prosecution which has not been objected to by the defence counsel and hereby granted by this court, the convict is also adjudge to make a restitution of N216,000 to the victim of the crime as contained in the plea bargain agreement. The sentence takes effect from today.

Signed

HON. JUSTICE MOHAMMED MOHAMMED
(JUDGE)
24/1/2024

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FATIMA SAIDU ABUBAKAR
DIRECTOR LITIGATION,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
SOKOTO.