

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/200^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 being charged on 2 counts charges for the offence of criminal breach of trust contrary to section 300 of the Sokoto state Penal Code Law 2019 and punishable under section 301 of the same law. We apply that the charge be read to the defendant for the purpose of taking his plea.

M.J. Audu Esq: We are ready.

Court to Registrar: Read and explain the 2 counts charges to the defendant in English language.

COUNT 1

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.

COUNT 2

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 and the prosecution has accounted and resolved that the defendant will retribute the victim the sum of N170,000 in 3 installments from the month of conviction and that the defendant be given option of fine N20,000 for the 2 counts charges and in default 1 year imprisonment. We have reduced the agreement into writing and filed same before this court on the 23/1/2024.

M.J. Audu Esq: That is the true position of our plea bargain agreement.

SENTENCE

Court: In consideration of the provision 169 of the ACJL of Sokoto State 2019, and the plea bargain agreement between the parties which was reduced into 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. You are also adjudged to make a restitution of the N170,000 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.