

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/203^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 accused of offence of criminal breach of trust in 5 counts charges. We apply that the plea of the defendant be taken.

M.J. Audu Esq: We are ready.

Court to Registrar: Read and explain the 5 counts charges to the hearing of the defendant in English language.

COUNT 1

Court to defendant: Did you hear the charge that was read 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.

COUNT 3

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 4

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 5

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 and the prosecution has accepted and consequently agreed that the defendant shall retribute the victim of the crime the sum of N141,000 in three {3} installments and that he be sentenced to a fine of N20,000 for all the 3 counts charges or 1 year imprisonment in default. We have reduced the said agreement into writing and filed it before this court on the 23/1/2024.

M.J. Audu Esq: That is the true position of the plea bargain agreement as narrated by the prosecution.

SENTENCE

Court: In consideration of the provision 169 of the ACJL of Sokoto State 2019, and the plea bargain agreement entered by the parties and subsequently reduced into writing 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 or 1 year imprisonment in default. You are also adjudged to make a restitution of the N141,000 to the victim of the crime as contained in your 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.