

**HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT COURT NO. 20, GUDU-ABUJA**  
**ON THURSDAY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2023**  
**BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE MODUPE R. OSHO- ADEBIYI**  
**SUIT NO. FCT/HC/CR/468/2022**

**BETWEEN:**

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA----- COMPLAINANT**

**AND**

- 1. SHITTU AHMED TATA..... DEFENDANTS**
- 2. MUSA ALIYU MAILAFIYA**

**RULING**

Having gone through the processes filed by respective counsel in respect of the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant application for variation of bail conditions and 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant's bail application. This court would exercise its discretion in favour of the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant and grant the Applicant bail.

I therefore admit the Applicant to bail on the following conditions:

1. That Applicant/2<sup>nd</sup> defendant is admitted to bail in the sum of N10,000,000.00 (Ten million Naira) only with two (2) responsible sureties each in like sum who are to depose to affidavit of means.
2. That the two (2) sureties must be civil/public servants and verification is to be carried out by the officials of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and staff of this Honourable Court. One of the sureties to have Certificate of Occupancy.

The 1<sup>st</sup> defendant is praying the court for variation of bail. I have looked at the said bail conditions and I do not see why the court should vary the bail conditions. Moreover the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant had earlier produced a hired surety before this court who was arrested and handed over to the police by the court. The said surety admitted before me that he was paid to stand as a surety to the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant with the antecedents of the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant, he is not worthy of the court's discretion and as such this court would not exercise its discretion in favour of the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant.

**Parties:** Both defendants are absent.

**Appearances:** Fatima Groma appearing for the prosecution. Dr. Victoria Nlemigbo appearing with Ramalan M. for the Defendants.

**HON. JUSTICE MODUPE R. OSHO-ADEBIYI**  
**JUDGE**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2023**