IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION HOLDEN AT MAITAMA – ABUJA

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE .H. MU'AZU

SUIT NO. FCT/HC/CR/396/2021 ON THE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER 2021

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA - COMPLAINANT

AND

WONDER GEORGE (A.K.A GEORGE WEI CHANG) - DEFENDANT

Appearance:

Defendant in Court. F.D. Adeosun for the prosecution. D.O. Ojiga for the Defendant.

JUDGMENT

Pros: - The matter is for arraignment. We have a one Court charge of cheating dated 1st Sept, 2021, we apply that the Court have the charge read to the Defendant for his plea.

Court: - Charge is read and the Defendant is asked to make his plea.

Defendant: - I understand the charge. I plead guilty.

Court: - The Defendant pleads guilty to the charge.

Pros:- In view of his plea of guilty, we urge the Court to convict him and gives effect to the plea bargain agreement reached by the parties on the 1st Sept. 2021. We adopt same.

Court: - In view of the Defendant plea of guilty, Defendant is hereby convicted of the offence of cheating punishable under section 324 of the PCL.

Defendant: - We seek to adopt the PBA and urge the Court to give effect to it.

Court: - In line with PBA reached by parties. The sentence of the Court is that the convict pay a fine of N1, 000, 000. 00 (One Million) or serves 12 months imprisonment in default of payment. Further the Defendant shall swear to an affidavit undertaking to be of good behavior going forward. Finally, the victim shall be paid in restitution all that he/she has lost from the proceed of crime recovered from the convict and wherefore it does not cover it, against other properties of his.

Signed Hon. Judge 20/09/2021.