

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT COURT NO. 13 WUSE ZONE 2 ABUJA
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON JUSTICE A. S. ADEPOJU
THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021**

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/078/2021

BETWEEN:

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

IFE-OLUWA GBADEBO -----DEFENDANT

S. M. DABAK for the Prosecution.

S. A. TSOKWA for the Defendant.

Matter is for definite hearing.

JUDGEMENT

Pursuant to Sections 270 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 the parties filed a plea bargain agreement dated 4/3/2021 and filed on 12/3/2021 with the following terms:

WHEREAS:

- a. Following surveillance carried out on an intelligence report of internet fraud activities at Abuja, by operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, suspects including the defendant were arrested on 29th January, 2021.
- b. Investigation conducted following the arrest of the defendant revealed that he is into internet scam and has attempted to cheat one Zhang Lil under a false identity of Kim Webb.
- c. During the course of investigation into the case, the defendant admitted his wrong doings and showed remorse for his actions.
- d. The Defendant through his lawyer, Sechap A. Tsokwa has applied for plea bargain and the prosecution after consultation with the investigating officer hereby accepts as stated hereunder.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That before the conclusion of this agreement, the defendant was informed:
 - i. That he has the right to remain silent.
 - ii. Of the consequences of not remaining silent.
 - iii. That he is not obliged to make any confession that could be used in evidence against him.
2. That the defendant shall plead guilty to the one count charge of impersonation.
3. That the defendant's Gionee S10 which was used as instrument of his criminal exploits shall be sold by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission via public auction and money realized from the sale paid to the Federal Government account.
4. That upon conviction, sentencing of the defendant by this honorable court shall be either 6 months imprisonment or fine of **₦200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira only)** payable to the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and in the event the court opt to fine the defendant he in addition to payment of the said fine along with his father will report every Wednesday of the week for a period of six (6) months for counseling at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's Headquarters, Plot 301/302 Institution and Research District, Jabi, Abuja.
5. That the defendant shall depose to an affidavit of undertaking to be of good behavior.

CHARGE: *That you Ife-Oluwa Gbadebo sometimes in January, 2021 at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court attempted to commit cheating by personation and in such attempt did a certain act towards the commission of the said offence to wit: personation of one Kim Webb a supposed Army of*

the People's Republic of China, and in that assumed character contacted one Zhang Lil, with intent to gain financial advantage from her and you thereby committed an offence under Section 95 of the Penal Code Act Cap 532, Laws of the Federation.

COURT: The charge reproduced above was again read to the defendant and he understood the content and in his own words admitted to have committed the said offence. The defendant in the circumstance is hereby convicted for the offence of attempted cheating by personation an offence under Section 95 of the Penal Code Act Cap 532, Laws of the Federation.

SENTENCING:

The sentencing of the defendant is in accordance with the terms 3 and 4 of the plea bargain agreement. And he is hereby sentenced to a fine of **₦200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira only)**. In addition the defendant shall in company of his Uncle Mr. Aworele report at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's Headquarters, Plot 301/302 Institution and Research District, Jabi, Abuja every Wednesday for the next six (6) months for counseling effective from Wednesday, 24th November, 2021

Signed

**Hon. Judge
16/11/2021**