

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT GUDU - ABUJA
ON WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022.
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP; HON. JUSTICE MODUPE OSHO-ADEBIYI
SUIT NO. CR/584/2021

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ----- COMPLAINANT
AND
ABUBAKAR ILIYASU SIMBABI ----- DEFENDANT

PROCEEDING/JUDGMENT

Parties: Defendant is present.

Appearances: Samuel Chime for the prosecution. Kodilinye Arinze for the Defendant.

Prosecution Counsel: Matter is for arraignment. We have a one count charge dated 12/11/2021. After the filing and Plea bargain was considered and an agreement reached dated 7/3/2022. We pray the charge be read to the Defendant.

Charge read to the Defendant in English Language to wit,

“That you, **ABUBAKAR ILIYASU SIMBABI**, between 4th November, 2019 to 11th December, 2019, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court dishonestly converted to your own use the total sum of N2,350,000.00 (Two Million, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira) being payment by Setraco Nigeria Ltd for Water Bill to F.C.T. Water Board, and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 308 of the Penal Code Act Cap 32 LFN (Abuja) 2004 and punishable under Section 309 of the same Act.”

He understands same and pleads:

1st Count: Guilty.

Prosecution Counsel: We wish to apply that Defendant be convicted and sentenced according to the Plea bargain agreement dated 7/3/2022.

JUDGMENT

You are hereby found guilty as charged. This court has considered the Plea bargain agreement entered into by both parties dated 7/3/2022 and is satisfied with same.

Sentencing: this court will exercise its discretion in favour of Defendant. Defendant is hereby ordered to pay the sum of N500,000 in lieu of 6month imprisonment same to be paid to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

HON. JUSTICE M. OSHO-ADEBIYI

JUDGE

16TH March, 2022