

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

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP : HON. JUSTICE Y. HALILU

COURT CLERKS :JANET O. ODAH & ORS

COURT NUMBER :HIGH COURT NO. 14

CASE NUMBER :CHARGE NO: CR/548/2021

DATE: :MONDAY 11TH APRIL, 2022

BETWEEN

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

IZODUWA OSEMWEGIE DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT

Ntertsua, Esq.:-

We have filed terms of settlement called plea bargain dated the 8th February, 2022. We adopt the said plea bargain agreement in urging the Court to sentence the Convict as per the said agreement.

Apkan, Esq.:-

We agree with the Prosecution in urging the Court to sentence the Defendant as per the plea bargain agreement.

COURT:-

The essence of plea bargain process is to ensure speedy dispensation of matters where such a Defendant is appreciative of the fact that he is guilty

of the offence confesses in Court by pleading guilty therein attracting a lenient sentence, as against a Defendant who drags the Prosecution and Court through a long road of hearing and defence. See Section 270 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA), 2015. I am however minded to observe that such plea bargain agreement shall be limited to cases where money is involved and recoverable.

The said IzoduwaOsemwegie having pleaded guilty to the one count charge as shown in the plea bargain agreement is hereby convicted accordingly.

SENTENCING

I have seen the plea bargain agreement. Convict is hereby sentenced to a term of two

months imprisonment and or to pay a fine of N500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira).

1. Convict shall forfeit the proceed of crime i.e N247,500.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Naira)
2. 1 Iphone X mobile phone.
3. All proceeds of crime shall be forfeited and auctioned, proceed paid into the Federal Government through the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).
4. Part of the proceeds of crime collected from the said victims i.e Huseyin and Jonathan be returned to them.
5. The sim card be destroyed by the service provider.

This I hope, shall serve as deterrent to our youths and adults who indulge in crime and criminality.

Justice Y. Halilu
Hon. Judge
11th April, 2022

APPEARANCES

Defendant in Court

N.M. Ntertsua, Esq. – for the Prosecution.

B.J. Akpan, Esq. – for the Defendant.