

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT MAITAMA AS (VACATION COURT) ABUJA

CLERK: CHARITY ONUZULIKE
COURT NO. 10

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CR/364/2022
DATE: 18/8/22

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA..... COMPLAINANT

AND

CHIMA KELVIN EDEH.....DEFENDANT

JUDGMENT
(DELIVERED BY HON. JUSTICE S. B. BELGORE)

Court resumes sitting today the 18/8/2022.

Defendant is in Court and speaks English

S. N. Robert for Prosecution

M. S. Dennis for the Defendant

Prosecution: It is for arraignment of the Defendant on an amended charge.

Court: The amended charge has been fully explained to the Defendant in English language to his satisfaction.

Court: Do you understand?

Defendant: Yes, I do

Court: Is it true/ are you guilty or not?

Defendant: Guilty

Court: The Defendant having fully understood the amended charge as read and explained to him in the English language, pleaded guilty to the charge. He is therefore convicted of the offence of cheating contrary to **Section 320 of the Penal Code** accordingly.

Prosecution: I urge the Court to sentence the convict accordingly.

Defendant's Counsel: The convict is a victim of circumstance. He is a first time offender. He mistakenly and foolishly coined an American name so that he could secure a job with an American Company. No crime was intended.

Court Sentencing: I have considered this plea of the learned Counsel to the convict in mitigation of sentencing. I believe that the convict behaved foolishly in his desperation to get a job. No crime or fraud was intended.

In view of this, I sentence him to fine of **N50,000** or three months in default of payment of fine.

Signed
Suleiman Belgore
(Judge) 18/8/22