

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/365/2022
DATE: 18/8/22

BETWEEN:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA..... COMPLAINANT

AND

UZOMA VICTOR.....DEFENDANT

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

Court resumes sitting today the 18/8/2022.

Defendant is in Court and speak English

S. N. Robert for Prosecution

M. S. Dennis for Defendant

Prosecution: We have an amended charge and Defendant for arraignment.

Court: Please proceed

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

Court: Do you understand?

Defendant: Yes I do

Defendant: Are you guilty?

Defendant: Guilty

Court: The Defendant having fully understood the charge as read and explained to him by the Court is accordingly convicted of the offence of cheating under Section 321 of the Penal Code

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

Defendant's Counsel: I urge the Court to know that the convict is a first offender. He is remorseful and ready to turn a new leaf. He has refunded part of the money he benefited from this crime which is \$700.

Court: I have considered the submission of the learned Counsel to the convict in mitigation of sentencing. The convict is a first time offender; has shown remorse and pleaded guilty thereby not wasting the time of this Court.

However it appears to me that the crime of this internet fraud is on the rise and too rampant these days. A sentence that would take care of the principle of deterrence appears to me to be appropriate. It is for this reason that I sentence this convict to a fine of N500,000 or 2 years in default of payment of fine.

This is the Judgment of this Court.

Signed
Suleiman Belgore
(Judge) 4/8/22