

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL
TERRITORY
HOLDEN AT MAITAMA ABUJA
ON THE 12TH MAY, 2016
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE MARYANN E. ANENIH
(PRESIDING JUDGE)**

CHARGE NO: CR/58/2012

BETWEEN

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA **COMPLAINANT**

AND

1. BABATUNDE ABISUGA } **ACCUSED PERSONS**
2. MOHAMMED NDAKUPE ... }

JUDGEMENT

The convict, BabatundeAbisuga has been convicted for the offences charged herein in accordance with his guilty plea, by virtue of Section 274 and Section 270 (10) (a) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 .

The plea of guilty was made vide the amended charge before the court and pursuant to a plea bargain Agreement reached between the defendant and the complainant on 11th May, 2016.

In the determination of the sentence, I have had to consider the plea for leniency of the defendant's counsel, the guilty plea of the defendant, albeit made well into trial, and even the Plea Bargain Agreement executed between defendant and the Complainant pursuant to Section 270 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015.

Also, taken into account is that the convict attended court diligently in the course of the proceeding. I must also state that the demeanor of the convict midway into the trial exhibited contrition.

Although the convict did not plead guilty at the earliest opportunity, I cannot fail to acknowledge that he is a first time offender who is also a family man and bread winner as recounted by the defence counsel in his plea for leniency. And that all proceeds of crime have since been recovered from defendants.

In spite of the foregoing I still believe that the laws must be allowed to take their course for the purpose of deterrence to other people out there from indulging in similar offences.

The law must line up to its expectations of curbing the excesses of persons propagating or indulging in the get rich quick syndrome and acts showing lack of self-control.

All the aforementioned having been said I cannot help but recall that the objective of conviction and sentencing composes of several elements principal of which is reformation rather than just punishment.

Suffice to say that for the reasons set out above, I hereby sentence the convict Babatunde Abisuga as follows:

Count I of the Charge.

The Convict is sentenced to 3 months imprisonment without the option of fine.

Count II of the charge

The convict is sentenced to 3 months imprisonment without option of fine.

Count V of the charge

The convict is sentenced to 6 months imprisonment without option of fine.

Count VI of the charge.

The convict is sentenced to 6 months imprisonment without option of fine.

Count VII of the charge

The convict is sentenced to 6 months imprisonment without the option of fine.

The terms of imprisonment are to all run concurrently.

(Signed)

Honourable Judge.

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