

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
IN THE GWAGWALADA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT KWALI**

CASE NO: FCT/HC/CR/183/19

**BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP - HON. JUSTICE V.S. GABA
COURT CLERKS - PAUL OJILE**

BETWEEN:-

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

ONWOCHEI CHEBUZOR JOHN.....DEFENDANT

I.G. Odibo for the Prosecution

Adaji Abel for the defendant

JUDGMENT

The defendant OnwocheiChebuzor John (AKA Carlos Gomes) was arraigned on a one count charge for the offence under section 320 and punishable under section 322 of the penal code CAP 532 LFN 2004, when the charge was read to him he acknowledged he understood, in his plea he pleaded guilty, whereupon the prosecution reminded and applied before this Honourable Court that the defendant had entered a plea bargain agreement dated 12/2/19 as filed which she adopted before this court as part of proceeding same in accordingly adopted as applied, the defendant is hereby convicted for the offence of fraudulently deceiving one Mrs. Lyness a Zambian Citizen to part with the sum of N800,000.00 pretending as a citizen as her boyfriend contrary section 320(a) and punishable under section 322 of the Penal code LFN 2004 as adopted.

Sentence

I have listened to the plea of Allocutus made on behalf of the convict by Adaji Abel, I consider it in the sentence, also the plea bargain as adopted before the Honourable Court by the prosecuting counsel and effect shall be given to it in the sentence. The Act of ONWOCHEI CHEBUZOR JOHN upon which he is now convicted is very prevalent amongst young educated people in this country and it is very discouraging because it will not bring positive progress in the country for the generation yet unborn, an end to it will serve the desired purpose by sanctioning those involved accordingly to be a deterrent for those who are planning to do same especially their friends therefore I sentence the convict as first offender to pay fine of N40,000.00, or 2 months imprisonment.

Items listed in paragraphs 2 of the bargain agreement are forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Hon. Justice V.S. Gaba
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