

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PLATEAU STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARKIN LADI
SMALL CLAIMS
THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2024**

BEFORE: HON O.M MAFUYAI

SDCBL/SM/04/2024

BETWEEN:

SUZAN BULUS NGUSER..... CLAIMANT

AND

JONATHAN GARBA..... DEFENDANT

**CLAIM: THE SUM OF THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY
THOUSAND (N3,630,000.00) NAIRA ONLY.**

This claim came up for mention on the 14th day of march 2024

Claimant---CRT

The whole claim was Four Million, Twenty Thousand (N4,020,000.00) Naira. Then the defendant gave me One Million and Twenty Thousand (N1,020,000.00) Naira, leaving a balance of Three Million (N3,000,000.00) Naira only. Also, there is an interest of Five Hundred Thousand Naira that the Defendant asked me to collect from my friend on the agreement that he would give her ten percent interest then he gave her Two Hundred Thousand (N200,000.00) Naira. The Defendant's balance is now Three Million, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand naira only (N3,500,000.00) Naira.

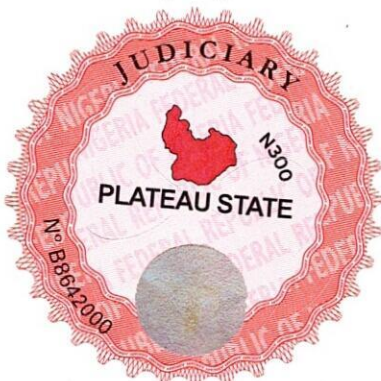
Crt- Def: Have you heard the claim of the Claimant?

Def: Yes, I heard her.

Crt: What is your response?

Def: Our record book is with the Claimant and I cannot remember the exact amount on my head, so till she brings the record book so that we can sit down and and settle the exact amount.

Crt: In view of the disparities about the total or exact amount owed the claimant, the Court will adjourn the case to next week to enable parties sit down and clarify from their records together to ascertain the exact amount the Defendant is owing the Claimant and also to come up with a proposal on how the Defendant intends to pay the Claimant. Case is hereby adjourned to 21/3/2024 for report of settlement.



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*F.G. Anburt
Registrar*

ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

CORAM: SAME

Parties: Claimant in court, defendant absent but represented by his father Mr. Garba Ali.

Claimant: The Defendant came and met me and we were able to sort out the figure which is now Three Million. One Hundred and Ten Thousand (N3,110,000.00) Naira only.

Defendant Father: The Defendant is not around; he called this morning to say he travelled that i should comer to Court to plead for an adjournment.

Crt: The defendant ought to be in court to show his readiness and commitment to pay the Claimant part of the money he is owing before the next adjourned date.

We shall adjourn the matter to enable the Defendant come up with a proposal on how he intends to offset his debt.

Case adjourned to 9th May 2024.

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TODAY 9TH MAY 2024.

CORAM: SAME

Parties: The Claimant in court. Defendant absent and not represented.

Crt: Why is the defendant not in court?

Claimant: I do not know; it was his father that stood for him at the last date and his father promised that the defendant would be in court at the next date which is today but he is not here.

Crt: I shall adjourn this matter for the last time at the instance of the Defendant and if he is not present at the next date, the court will be left with no option than to enter judgment in favour of the Claimant. Case adjourned to 14th May 2024 for continuation of hearing.

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TODAY THE 14TH MAY 2024

CORAM: SAME

Parties: Claimant in court, defendant absent and not represented.

Claimant- Court: I mobilised the bailiff of the court at the last date to serve the defendant with hearing notice for today. I was informed that he was served personally and he is aware of today's date but he is still not in court today.

JUDGMENT

The defendant is fully aware of this claim against and all the adjournment in this matter has been at his instance. It is obvious and clear at the inception of this case, that the defendant does not have any defence to the claimant claim as he has admitted same earlier before the court. However, the court gave him opportunity to specify how he intends to defray his debt, but it seems the defendant is taking the court for granted.

Therefore, the defendant, having admitted the stated amount on the claimant particulars of claim, judgement is hereby entered in favour of the claimant in the sum of Three Million, Three Hundred and Ten Thousand (N3,310,000.00) Naira as well as ten percent (10%) interest on the sum claimed. And Twenty Thousand Naira as cost of this action.

THIS is the judgement of the court

Right of appeal lies to state high court within 14 days of this judgement.

Dated this 14th day of May 2024

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