



ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL & COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE

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22nd July, 2026

To:

1. The Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone 13, Ukpoko
2. The Commissioner of Police, Anambra State
3. The Head, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Anambra State Command
4. The State Commandant, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Anambra State
5. Law Officers, Ministry of Justice, Anambra State

GENERAL DIRECTION TO PROSECUTORS ON PLEA BARGAIN

WHEREAS it has become necessary to operationalize and mainstream plea bargaining in the administration of criminal justice in Anambra State in furtherance of the provisions of **Section 156 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Anambra State, 2022;**

AND IN THE EXERCISE of the powers vested in the Attorney General of the State by **Section 211 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Sections 149 and 154 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Anambra State, 2022,**

I, **TOBECHUKWU NWEKE, SAN**, Honourable Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Anambra State, hereby issue the following Direction to all prosecutors in respect of offences created by the laws of the House of Assembly of Anambra State except those excluded hereinafter:

1. All defendants in a criminal trial shall, before or at the point of service of the charge or information on them, or at any time thereafter but prior to the taking of plea, be issued with a Plea Bargain Form by the prosecuting counsel or officer, a copy of which is hereto attached.
2. The prosecuting counsel or officer shall notify the defendant that he or she has an option to plea bargain by completing the said Form.

ANAMBRA STATE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
Chief Jerome Udoji State Secretariat Complex
Awka, Anambra State

3. The Form when filled, shall be signed by the defendant and submitted to the Prosecutor or Ministry of Justice.
4. Any charge or information initiated or prosecuted without issuance of the Plea Bargain Form to the defendant shall be deemed to have been brought contrary to this Direction and may be discontinued.
5. All plea bargain agreements shall on the part of the Prosecution, except as otherwise directed by the Attorney General, either be signed, counter-signed or approved in writing by the head of the legal department of the prosecuting agency and in the case of law officers of the Ministry of Justice, by the Attorney General or any person authorized by him.

Paragraphs 1-5 above shall not apply to the offences of Rape, Kidnapping, Armed Robbery and Murder, and in any case, no plea bargain shall be entered into in respect of those offences without the express approval of the Attorney General

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 12th day of July, 2026



TOBECHUKWU NWEKE, SAN, FCIarb(UK)
Honourable Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice,
Anambra State.



Fill this form only if you wish to plea bargain and tick the appropriate boxes

PLEA BARGAIN FORM

Affix Passport
Photograph

CHARGE NO.....

BETWEEN:

(**STATE/IGP/COP**) **COMPLAINANT**

AND

(**NAME: _____**) **DEFENDANT**

To:

**The Honourable Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice of Anambra State/
Prosecutor.**

**Pursuant to Section 156, Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Anambra
State, 2022.**

I, the undersigned, with the following particulars, wish to engage in plea bargain.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Surname:

2. First name:

3. Other name(s):

4. Date of Birth:

5. Marital Status:

6. Nationality:

7. State of Origin:

8. Local Government of Origin:
9. Residential Address:
10. Permanent Home Address:
11. Phone No:
12. NIN:
13. Other means of Identification:
14. Gender: M: ☐ F: ☐
15. Do you have any physical disability? Yes ☐ No ☐
16. Next of Kin:
17. Address of Next of Kin:
18. Phone Number of Next of Kin:

B. EDUCATIONAL / OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Last School(s) Attended & Year(s):
2. (a) Occupation:
- (b) Business/Work Place Address:
3. Estimated Monthly Income:
4. Do you own landed property? Yes ☐ No ☐
- (a) If yes location:

C. CASE INFORMATION

1. Offence(s) charged:
2. Name of Prosecutor/Prosecuting Counsel:
3. Office/Division of Prosecutor or Prosecuting Counsel:

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Have you ever been convicted for any criminal offence? Yes ☐ No ☐
2. If yes, set out the offence(s), the convicting court and sentence(s) served:

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3. Do you voluntarily agree to participate in this plea bargain? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Are you willing to retribute/ compensate the victim of the offence? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. How would you like to be represented during the plea bargain?

Answer:

(a) I want my lawyer to represent me ☐

(b) I don't have a lawyer ☐

(c) I want to participate with my lawyer ☐

If you have a lawyer, state his/her:

(a) Name

(b) Phone number.....

I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars and information given by me herein are to the best of my knowledge true, accurate and complete.

This.....day of20.....



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Signature of Defendant

Submit to (1) The Prosecutor; or (2) Ministry of Justice; or (3) the Correctional Center for transmission to the Ministry of Justice or Prosecutor.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- A Plea Bargain under Section 156 ACJL Anambra State, 2022, is completed only after the Defendant enters a plea of GUILTY in open court and the Court accepts the plea bargain agreement.
- Plea Bargain attracts a conviction and a lesser sentence.