

**IN THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT COURT OF BAUCHI STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF AZARE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
HOLDEN AT AZARE**

Before:

His Worship Kawu Bala, Presiding Principal District Judge I on Monday, 18th December, 2023

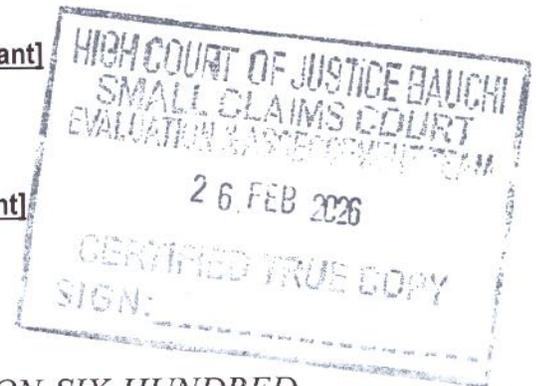
Case No. SCC/AZ/8CV/2023

In the matter between:

Abdullahi Mohammed Jauro [Claimant]

v.

Lamara Adamu Abunari [Defendant]



SUMMARY

CLAIM OF ₦2, 699,000.00 (TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE THOUSAND NAIRA) ONLY FROM PLOT OF LAND TRANSACTION AND SUPPLY OF BUILDING BLOCKS - Claimant's claim is that the defendant owes him the money from plot of land transaction that another person proved to be the real owner of the land and then supply of blocks at various times to the defendant - HELD that the claimant proved his case against the defendant on the preponderance of evidence and balance of probability. Accordingly judgment entered in favour of the claimant against the defendant.

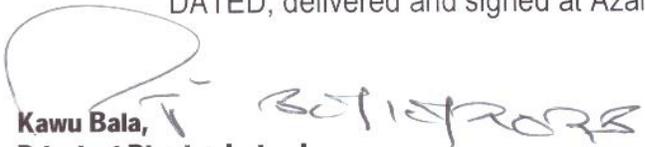
JUDGMENT

- [1] This is a judgment in respect of the claim filed on 6th October, 2023 by the claimant, Abdullahi Mohammed Jauro against the defendant, Lamara Adamu Abunari.
- [2] It is worth stating at the beginning that when the Letter of Demand (Form SCA 1) was duly served on the defendant, the then defence counsel H.S. Madaki on 22nd September, 2023, told this Hon. Court that they have filed their counter and have

[3] It is trite that an unsigned document is inadmissible in evidence being a worthless piece of paper with no evidential value. It was held in the case of **G. S. & D. Ind. Ltd v. NAFDAC (2012) 5 NWLR (Pt. 1294) 511 at 538 para H** thus: 'It is trite that an unsigned document is a worthless piece of paper that has no evidential value in law. However it should be note that an unsigned document is admissible in evidence and given probative value where oral evidence is given clarifying the unsigned document and its authorship provided that: 1. The immediate parties to the agreement do not deny their agreement or the existence of the contract; (2) It is the intention of the parties that the document is binding on them.

[3] In the instant case, the point that has to be made is that it was the defendant's father that requested the claimant to present the receipts and the claimant has indeed clarified how the receipts emanated and its authorship as in the case at hand thereby rendering such unsigned documents admissible. The claimant equally said the defendant's father did say that he would pay him the money even if the defendant did not pay. In view of this the receipts are therefore admissible in evidence for having not violated the law. Accordingly the certified true copy of the receipts are admitted in evidence and hereby marked as Exhibits "E" and "F".

DATED, delivered and signed at Azare this 30th day of October, 2023.


Kawu Bala,
Principal District Judge I,
Presiding Judge
COURT OF JUSTICE BAUCHI
SMALL CLAIMS COURT AZARE
JUDGE

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