



Nigerian student jailed 12 years for drug possession

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SHAH ALAM (Aug 2, 2013): A Nigerian student was sentenced to 12 years' jail and 10 strokes of the cane by the High Court here today for possession of 90.99gm of drugs in Subang Jaya two years ago.

Judge Datuk Abdul Alim Abdullah handed down the sentence on Uchenna Onuzulike, 37, who pleaded guilty to the alternative charge. He was ordered to serve the sentence from the date of arrest.

Onuzulike was charged with possession of 80.59gm of heroin and 10.4gm of morphine, found in two boxes of scooter roller board to be sent abroad.

The offence was committed at a delivery company, Traxenim Corp Sdn Bhd, at Jalan USJ 10/1 Subang Jaya at 1.30pm on May 24 2011.

Initially, Onuzulike was charged with trafficking in the drugs, an offence which carried the mandatory death sentence upon conviction.

However, he pleaded not guilty after the prosecution, represented by deputy public prosecutor Harris Ong Mohd Jeffery Ong offered an alternative charge with possession of the drugs. – *Bernama*