

24-year-Old Sentenced To Death For Killing Classmate In Delta



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The judgment of a Delta State High Court sitting in Kwale, sentencing 24-year-old Ebinum Prosper to death by hanging for killing his classmate, Ojieh Chibogu, is more than a legal conclusion — it is a sobering moral statement to young people.

Justice F. Enemor found the defendant guilty of murder after the prosecution proved beyond reasonable doubt that he stabbed his classmate to death on June 29, 2016, in Ugiliama Community, Kwale, following a misunderstanding. What reportedly began as a dispute between peers ended in irreversible tragedy.

For many youths, disagreements are common — in classrooms, hostels, social gatherings, and online spaces. However, this case underscores a critical truth: anger is temporary, but its consequences can be permanent. A moment of uncontrolled rage can destroy multiple lives — the victim’s, the offender’s, and the futures of two families.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA
HOLDEN AT MAITAMA ABUJA
ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2021
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE S. U. BATURE
HIGH COURT NO. (22)

SUIT NO. FCT/HC/CV/3417/2020
MOTION NO. FCT/HC/M/7355/2021

BETWEEN:
A – Z GLOBAL SHELTER SOLUTIONS LIMITED.....CLAIMANT
AND
ST. AUGUSTINE UNUAYAN.....DEFENDANT

COURT ORDER


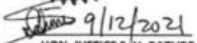
Upon careful consideration of the Motion on Notice, with motion No. FCT/HC/M/7355/2021 dated and filed on the 29th day of October, 2021 And accompanying Affidavit of **S.T AUGUSTINE UNUAYAN**. And upon listening to **LAWRENC EREWELE Esq.** Counsel for the Defendant/Applicant in this suit. Praying this Honourable Court for the following orders:-


1. An Order of Interlocutory Injunction restraining the Claimant/Respondent either by its agents, directors, privies officials, and/or anybody acting through the Claimant/Respondent including the Nigerian Police Force, Supol Mary George (Deputy Commissioner of Police) or other security agencies from further arresting, further detaining, further inciting the Defendant/Applicant over the issues and facts relating to the premises known as Plot NO. MF, 14 along 69 Road Gwarimpa 11 Estate, Abuja which is the subject matter of the Litigation in this suit No. CV/3417/2020 pending the determination of this suit.
2. And for such further or other order(s) as the Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances.


consequently, Application is accordingly refused and dismissed.

Nevertheless, parties are urged to maintain status quo pending the final determination of the substantial suit.

GIVEN UNDER THE HAND AND SEAL OF THE HON. JUDGE ON 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.



 HON. JUSTICE S. U. BATURE
 (Presiding Judge)


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Another stark lesson is the long arm of justice. Despite the setback during the 2020 EndSARS protests, when court documents and exhibits were destroyed in a fire incident, the case was reconstructed through certified true copies obtained from the

High Court Registry. Years after the incident, the wheels of justice still turned. Time does not erase criminal liability.

Young people must also reflect on the value of emotional intelligence and conflict resolution. Violence is often the outcome of poor impulse control and the inability to walk away from provocation.

In a society already grappling with unemployment, peer pressure, and social tensions, youths must deliberately cultivate patience, dialogue, and lawful means of resolving disputes.

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There is equally a civic lesson. The destruction of court records during the protests delayed justice, prolonging the pain of both families. Public unrest, while sometimes driven by legitimate grievances, can inadvertently undermine institutions that protect societal order.

Ultimately, the case is a tragic reminder that life-altering decisions can be made in seconds. For young Nigerians striving to build careers and reputations, the message is clear: no argument is worth a life sentence—or a death sentence.