

# Man nabbed for killing sister-in-law, nephew

*• Another arraigned for alleged theft*

THE police in Imo State have arrested a man (name withheld) for allegedly killing his sister-in-law and her son.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mr. Vitalis Onugu, disclosed this in an interview with the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Owerri yesterday.

The PPRO said the police had begun investigations into the twin murders.

Eze Ben Nwankwo, the traditional ruler of Ikem, Ngor Okpala Local Government Area, where the suspect hails from, said the suspect shot dead his brother's wife and her son who were living with him in the family compound.

Nwankwo said the suspect had reported to him that his nephew had allegedly kidnapped a young woman and kept her in the compound for five days.

This infuriated the nephew, identified as Ikemba, and he allegedly attacked the suspect, Nwankwo said.

Meanwhile, an Abuja Chief Magistrates' Court yesterday remanded one Araba Umbugadu, of Central Area, Abuja, for allegedly stealing his brother's property.

Prosecutor Yusuf Auta told the court that on November 13, one Mathew Umbugadu of the same address wrote a petition to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Zone 7 against the accused.

Auta said on November 19, the accused entered the complainant's office and stole two laptop computers and two vacuum cleaning machines valued at N420, 000.

He said during interrogation the accused confessed that he stole only the vacuum cleaning machine.

The prosecutor said the offence

contravened Section 288 of the Penal Code.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Magistrate, Mr. Azubike Okeagwu, ordered that the accused be remanded in prison custody to prevent him from jumping bail.

Okeagwu adjourned the case to December 19, for hearing.