

Man arraigned for being in possession of human parts

JOHN SHIAONDO, Makurdi

A 22-year-old man, Ushahemba Iorvaa, of Kaamem Kohov in Benue State have been arraigned before a Makurdi Chief Magistrate Court for being in possession of human parts including penis and ears.

According to the prosecution, the accused was arrested by officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) while on patrol on the third of last month carrying the human parts including the penis attached to scrotum, ears and charms which he concealed in his trousers' pockets but could not give satisfactory account of how he got the human parts.

During police investigation, the accused confessed that he and one of his friends called Shimataver Sokpo, of the same address but now at large, had conspired to kill one Aondongu Iorvaa (his brother) and buried him without the vital organs.

He said in order not to arouse suspicion about the missing organs, they prevented the victim's family members from examining the deceased body before burial.

No plea was taken for want of jurisdiction. However, prosecution said investigation was still in progress and asked for another date.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs. Theresa Wergba, ordered that the accused be remanded at the Federal prison custody Makurdi and adjourned the case till the March 4 for further mention.

Business woman on trial for causing hurt

THE Police have arraigned Mariam Kingsley, a business woman, before an Abuja Senior Magistrates' Court for allegedly causing hurt to Mrs Ogbenna Chiweogo.

Police Prosecutor Francis Tanko told the court that the accused of No. 5 Lagos Street, Wuse Zone 1, Abuja, who lives in the same address as the complainant, was reported at the Wuse Zone 3 Police Station by one Chiweogo on January 6.

According to Tanko, the incident happened on Jan. 6 when the complainant went behind her house to check the problem with her tap.

Tanko added that the accused attacked and used a bottle to hit the complainant on her head resulting in injuries.

He said that during investigation, the accused confessed to the crime, "which contravenes the provisions of Section 242 of the Penal Code".

The accused, however, denied the allegation.

Senior Magistrate Mimi Alu granted the accused bail in the sum of N50,000 with two sureties in like sum.

He said the sureties must reside within the jurisdiction of the court.

Man to pay N100,000 for burning yams

AN Abuja Magistrates' Court has ordered Abraham Kegnon, of Mpape, Abuja, to pay N100,000 as compensation to a farmer for burning his yams.

Magistrate Musa Jobbo gave the order when Kegnon pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him.

Jobbo said that Kegnon should be held in prison until he pays the amount.

Police Prosecutor Musa Abdulahi had told the court that Mike Danladi, also of Mpape Village, Abuja, reported the matter at the Mpape Police Station on January 11.

Abdulahi said the convict entered the complainant's farmland without his consent.

"In the guise of hunting for snakes, he set the whole farmland ablaze, burning a hip of yams valued at N100,000."

He said that during investigation, the accused confessed to have committed the crime.



ARRAIGNMENT... The alleged Cynthia Osokogu killers leaving the Ikeja High Court after their arraignment on Friday.

Ekiti police arrest 2 over killing of cocoa merchant

VICTOR OGUNJE, Ado Ekiti

PALPABLE fear gripped Ilawe-Ekiti, an agrarian community in Ekiti South West local Government of Ekiti following the gruesome murder of a cocoa merchant, Rotimi Omolafe, by unidentified assassins.

Rotimi, a middle aged man, who was involved cocoa business, allegedly met his death in the hand

of unidentified assassins at his farm located in Igbara-Odo about five kilometres from Ilawe.

Sources alleged that that members of the community are already fingered Fulani herdsmen, otherwise called Bororo, as being responsible for the killing, adding that another farmer also narrowly escaped being killed by the marauding Fulani herdsmen.

The community was thrown into

confusion immediately the news filtered into town, as both police and residents of the town embarked on a manhunt search for the perpetrators of the dastardly act.

The spokesman of the Ekiti police command, Victor Babayemi Olu, who confirmed the incident, disclosed that two men have been arrested in connection to the murder case.

According to Babayemi, they received the report around 9am on Saturday, adding that detectives were immediately dispatched to the scene to unravel the mystery surrounding

"Police detectives were dispatched to the scene and body of the yet to be identified middle aged man was found lying in a pool of blood with marks of violence all over his body.

Fake doctor arrested in Ebonyi

• Student nabbed for rape, robbery

AUGUSTINE ANIOKE, Abakaliki

THE long arm of the law has caught up with one Christian Ikechukwu Nwovu for alleged forgery of medical certificate with which he used to obtain employment into the Federal Teaching Hospital Abakaliki.

Investigations by Daily Champion revealed that the bubble burst for the suspect, who was given interim appointment in the hospital in January, when the hospital administration decided to conduct a verification exercise which led to the discovery that the MBBS certificate with which he used to get employment the hospital was fake.

Confirming the arrest, Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer, Sylvester Igbo, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the suspect, a former medical student of Ebonyi State University, EBSU, has confessed to the crime, adding that the suspect presented a fake MBBS certificate of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, UNN.

His words: "One Nwovu Christian Ikechukwu, a suspected fake medical doctor, who was employed by Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, was handed over to personnel of Department of State Services, DSS, by authorities of the hospital when they discovered he presented a fake medical certificate with which he

was given appointment. Later, the department now transferred the suspect to us for further investigation".

"The suspect is a native of Nnubi Ndubia in Izzi local government and he claimed that he was a 4th year medical student of Ebonyi State University

Medical School and could not go further because of financial problems. Now, when he saw that his friends who started with him have graduated and practicing, he was envious and decided to lay hands on the certificate of his friend who graduated from University of Nigeria Nsukka.

Man jailed 4 years for manslaughter

AN Ado-Ekiti High Court has sentenced one Kolawole Owolabi to four years imprisonment for manslaughter.

The Judge, Justice Lekan Ogunmoye, said he found Owolabi guilty of killing one Fakiyesi Tolulope, a 300 level student of the then University of Ado-Ekiti.

The incident happened during a beer parlour fracas on July 4, 2010 at Precious Bar on Adebayo Street in Ado-Ekiti.

The convict was jailed for the offence of murder which contravened section 316(2) of the Criminal Code Act, Cap C 38 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

Owolabi stabbed the

victim in front of Precious Bar when the bar manager sent Owolabi and Tolulope out of the bar.

Mr. Chris Omokhaye, counsel to the convict, said his client did not deliberately kill the victim.

He said the victim caused the fight and was the person who broke the bottle which eventually led to his death.

Miss Oluwaseyi Ojo, who represented the state, prayed the court to do justice to Owolabi accordingly.

In his judgment, the judge said that after listening to both the defence and the

prosecutor's plea, he was constrained to reduce the charge of murder to manslaughter.

He said the killing of the victim was unintentional because it was accidental.

"From the circumstance of the case before me the prosecution had not succeeded in discharging this onerous duty in establishing a case of murder against the accused person," Ogunmoye added.

He stated that this was because of the success of the plea of the defence counsel.

"The accused accordingly found guilty of manslaughter," the judge said.