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Woman sues lawyer over shop sublet

By Ben Atonko

A shop owner at Masaka in Nasarawa State, Mrs Magdalyn Tsenyen, has taken her tenant, Barrister Chuks Okeke, to court for allegedly subletting her property.

Okeke rented Shop B1 in Masaka Motor Park at the rate of N70,000 per annum and was accused of subletting the shop to another tenant at N100,000.

Tsenyen stated that when she went to the property to collect the rent that has been due since May, she met unknown persons there who told her that their landlord is Okeke. The matter was for mention at the Senior Magistrate Court in Mararaba, Karu local government area last Monday but due to the absence of the Chief Magistrate, Mr Patrick Ekpo, the matter was adjourned till August 11.

The plaintiff stated in her affidavit that the defendant's action has challenged her title and ownership of the property and wants the court to grant her repossession of her property as well as to order the defendant to pay her the outstanding rent for the shop.

Two die in Karmo flood

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ONE of the vehicles swept off Karmo Bridge by a flood on Saturday.

By Ogechi Ohalee

A heavy flood that took over Karmo Bridge in Abuja, Saturday left a man and woman dead after the vehicle they were in was swept off the bridge.

A witness, Victor Njoku, said at about 1 a.m. on that day, he heard the distress voice of a lady telling a driver not to drive into the flood but the driver said he could make it.

"The next thing I heard was a

loud sound and the bridge collapsed. I later discovered the flood had taken over the entire area up to 30 feet," he said.

Njoku said he saw some police officers turning back motorists from getting close to

the flooded bridge, adding that he called the police officers and told them of the incident of the man and woman whose car has been swept off by the flood.

Another resident of the area said he saw a box of second hand clothes from a car that fell off the bridge, as a result of the flood.

Reacting, the Life Camp Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Patrick Nwankwo, said he was alerted of the flood and rushed to the area only to discover the bodies of a man and woman in the flood.

He said FRSC officials and other stakeholders have been searching for more bodies and appealed to construction companies to assist with crane machines so that a thorough search can be carried inside the river to look for more bodies, adding that Standard Construction Company has volunteered to help.

He described the rain as a special one that covered the longest tree in the area and warned motorists not to drive during heavy downpour. The corpses have been deposited at Maitama General Hospital.