

Man to hang for killing mistress

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AN artisan was yesterday condemned to death by hanging by an Abuja High Court sitting in Maitama for killing his mistress in 2006. Justice Hussein Baba Yusuf pronounced Mutiu Akindele, 34, guilty of culpable homicide after considering the "credible", "irresistible" and "incontrovertible" evidence filed by the Commissioner of Police, FCT Command

indicting him of attacking and killing his live-in lover identified as Chika.

Akindele, a resident of Gosa settlement along Airport Road, Abuja was arraigned on a one count charge punishable under section 221 of the Penal Code in October, 2007 after he was arrested by the Police on a tip-off by neighbours who witnessed the sordid murder in his house on August 7, 2006.

The police recovered pestle, mortar and belt which it said were objects used in

the attack of the deceased. The witnesses further testified that the agonizing shouts of the deceased heard from Akindele's room attracted sympathisers but they could not rescue her because the room was locked while the radio volume was raised high.

The judge also dismissed the grounds of defence submitted by defence counsel Nkereuwem Akpan, saying the overwhelming evidence convinced him that the accused intended and actually killed the

deceased. He therefore sentenced him to the hang man's noose. "The accused person has proved to be a dangerous person not worthy to be allowed to mix freely with the society. I hereby sentence him to death by hanging", the judge ruled.

A source said trouble started that fateful day when the accused person had an argument with his mistress after he caught her making love with another man in their house.

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