

4 FARMERS HELD OVER MURDER

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A Chief Magistrate's Court sitting in Makurdi, Benue State, has remanded four farmers in prison for allegedly killing a 52-year-old man on the allegation that he was a wizard.

According to First Information Report (FIR), the deceased, Alfred Baba, was tortured to death by the accused, Kperanya Ugar, Abraham Terkula, Mgughg Gbateman, Saaondo Ugar, Waakaa Ugar and Terwase Tyohar at Ijoh village in Guma Local Government Area of the state.

The court heard on Tuesday that the matter was reported at Abinsi Police Station on July 19, 2013, by the deceased younger brother, Christopher Baba.

According to FIR, the accused murdered the deceased for allegedly being a wizard. It was gathered that two other people connected to the incident are still at large.

The prosecution told the court that the offence was contrary to Sections 97 and 222 of the Penal Code, and added that investigation into the matter was in progress. The accused persons however did not take pleas for want of jurisdiction, and the Chief Magistrate, Dan Ogoh, adjourned the matter to August 15.

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