

MAN TO DIE BY HANGING IN BENUE



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A Makurdi High Court, Thursday sentenced a man to death by hanging on a two-count charge for killing and robbing his friend, one Sunday Hassan, of a Baja Boxer motorcycle.

The convict, Ushahemba Agu, according to the court, committed the offence of culpable homicide punishable with death under section 222 of the penal code, as well as armed robbery, punishable with death under section 1(2)(a) of the Robbery and Firearms Act of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

The prosecutor said the convict stabbed the deceased, who was his friend to death with a knife on December 28, 2011 and made away with his Baja Boxer motorcycle with registration number UC 503 LFA valued at N105, 000. He ran to Udei in Guma Local Government Area of Benue.

During the court proceedings, the prosecutor called three witnesses and tendered five exhibits, while the accused testified for himself and called one witness.

After listening to counsels of both parties to the case, chief judge of the state, Justice Iorhemen Hwande, explained that the law did not give room for lesser punishment to an offender of such magnitude, and therefore, sentenced the accused to death by hanging.

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