

COURT REMANDS 2 FISHERMEN OVER DEATH OF HERDSMAN



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Two fishermen have been remanded in prison custody on the orders of a Lokoja Chief Magistrate's Court for allegedly beating and drowning a 20-year-old Fulani herdsman, Zyenyo Umar, in River Benue.

The accused persons, Amodu Ali, 50, and Sale Hussein, 35, were on Friday charged with criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide, contrary to Sections 97(1) and 221 of the Penal Code Law.

The prosecutor, Tuesday Ganagana, told the court that the matter was reported on May 24, by the father of the deceased, one Umar Buhari of Umoisha village in Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

He said Buhari had reported that on the same date, the deceased and his siblings were crossing the River Benue at Antona in Bassa Local Government of Kogi State with his cattle, when the accused, who were fishing in the river along with their children beat them up and pushed Zyenyo in the river, where he got drowned.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges, while their counsel, A.A. Mohammed prayed the court to grant them bail under Section 341(2)(3) of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC).

But, Levi Animoku, ordered the accused persons to be remanded in prison custody and adjourned the case to July 2.

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