

# Soldier arrested for killing, theft in Akwa Ibom to be court-martial

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② A military personnel simply known as Stephen, attached to 6 Battalion in Akwa Ibom State who was arrested for killing one Enobong Jimmy, is to be court-martialed for killing and theft.

Stephen allegedly murdered Enobong Jimmy who offered him a ride from Eleme junction in Port Harcourt, Rivers State to Ikot Abasi Local Government Area in Akwa Ibom State on Sunday.

It was learnt that Stephen attacked, killed the deceased and dispossessed him of his vehicle after inflicting several dagger wounds

on his chest and later dumped his corpse by the roadside.

However, the police found the corpse which they deposited in the mortuary and used the tracker in the stolen car to track and arrest Stephen.

The police reportedly recovered the stolen vehicle in a hotel in Ukanafun Local Government Area and also found a rifle on the assailant.

It was learnt that Stephen who was held in police custody had been released to the military authorities at the State Police headquarters, Ikot Akpan Abia on Monday, for a court-martial, before he would

be handed back to the police for prosecution.

When the Assistant Director, Public Relations Officer of the Nigerian Army, 2 Brigade, Akwa Ibom State, Capt. Anebi Abakpa, was contacted for details on the incident, he revealed that the suspect was a soldier.

He said they were awaiting directives from Abuja before a press statement on the matter will be issued.

"He is not an officer, he is a soldier. We have written a statement and forwarded it to Abuja for further directive. So, I await the statement from above," he said.