In Abuja, woman tells court she poured acid on man who 'raped' her

A 31-year-old businesswoman, Nneka Nwachukwu of Dape Village, Abuja, yesterday told a Wuse Zone 2 Magistrate Court, Abuja, that she poured acid on Peter Nwogu, because he raped

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Nwachukwu, led in evidence by her counsel, Moneka Azubike, told the court that Mr. Nwogu, the defendant came to her house and forced her to sleep with him.

The defendant was first arraigned on April 11, 2014 by the police for the offence of culpable homicide contrary to Section 221 of the Penal Code. She said that on December 1, 2013, she went to her town meeting at Wuse and came back around 10p.m.

"When I came back, I warmed my food, then I went to see my landlord, Ikechukwu Obi, to pay my house rent. I came back to my room and saw Peter Nwogu, who is my church member. He told me that he travelled but couldn't reach home because it was late.

"I welcomed him as a church member. He then asked me if I had food, I gave him the food I warmed and I went to take my bath."

The defendant said when

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she came back from the bathroom, she saw the deceased with only his boxer and he made love advances to her. "I tried to stop him, but he did not stop, we argued and in the process he forced me to sleep with him. I was shouting but nobody heard me.

"I bit him, he bit me too, he was so strong that I had to pour him acid that was in my room and I ran out to my landlord's room. I did not know that the acid I poured on him would lead to his death.

"I kept the acid in my room because I have been a victim of rape and there have been complaints of break-ins in my area."

The prosecuting counsel, Patrick Ogele, cross-examined the defendant. Justice Mamman Kolo adjourned the matter till July 1 for continuation of defence.

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