

Two Soldiers In Court Over Murder

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The police at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos have charged two soldiers, Raheem Sooto and Nura Mohammed to an Ebute-Metta magistrate court over the murder of a Lagos-based businessman, Chukwuma Madu.

The two-count charge which was read by the police prosecutor, Corporal Paul Inedu at court 9, presided by Magistrate O.E.

Ogunkanmi reads: that you, Raheem Sooto (36), Nura Mohammed (27) on the 29 day of August, 2007 at about 18.30 hours opposite Oando Petrol station, Badagry expressway, Lagos in the Lagos Magisterial district did conspire together to commit felony to wit murder and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 324 of the criminal code cap C.17.11 laws of Lagos state of Nigeria 2003 and that you Raheem Sooto and Nura Mohammed and others still at large on the same date and time in the

place and aforementioned magisterial district did murder Chukwuma Madu with a knife and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 319 of the criminal code. Cap.C.17, volume 11 laws of Lagos state Nigeria 2003.

No plea was taken and the suspects were remanded in prison custody pending the advice by the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) while the case was adjourned to October, 18, 2007.

The 33-year old businessman, Chukwuma Madu was stabbed to death by the soldiers after one of

them alleged that he (Chukwuma) narrowly hit him with his private bus along Badagry Expressway.

The soldier who was on a motorcycle descended on the businessman beating him with his belt while the victim pleaded for mercy. Other soldiers later joined their colleague and continued beating the businessman despite pleas by people who gathered at the scene.

One of the soldiers later brought out a knife and stabbed the victim on the chest and he collapsed and died.