

(111), to run concurrently.

## Two to die by hanging in Delta

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1 **A**N Asaba High Court in Delta State, has sentenced two men, Chelynor Halim and Emeka Okeze, to death by hanging for killing one Joan Osemene in 2014.

Halim and Okeze were accused of kidnapping Osemene to an unknown destination at Ibusa, Delta State on February 9, 2014.

Halim was said to have slapped the victim, threatened her at gun point and covered her nose with a scented cloth, during which she passed out.

2 The leader of the gang, Edozie Obude, who was killed in a gun duel with officers of the Department of State Security Services (DSS), was said to have held the victim by the throat, and hit her a metal object and dispossessed her of one ATM card and the sum of N10,000 cash.

It was learnt that the ATM card was used to withdraw the sum of N55,000 from the victim's account.

She was bounded and abandoned at a location where she was able to free herself and escaped.

The commercial motorcyclist she flagged down turned out to be Halim.

It was said that Halim was caught by personnel of the State Security Service, after Osemene raised the alarm which attracted passers-by.

Okezie was however arrested through information provided by Halim.