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COURT SENTENCES 3 MEN TO DEATH

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ESUENE, Makurdi*

THREE young men were over the weekend sentenced to death by a Makurdi High Court presided over by Justice Ejembi Eko for armed robbery.

The convicts, Samuel Otokpa, Muazu Yusuf and Emeka Agwu, all of various addresses have been standing trial since last year, following their arrests for robbing shop number 211 in the North Bank Area of

Makurdi, the Benue State Capital.

The three member gang was also said to have robbed one, Hopewell Oquator of a handset valued at 22,000 thousand Naira and a Tiger brand of generator belonging to one Precious Edeh at a gunpoint.

Delivering judgment, Justice Eko pronounced them guilty on all charges of criminal conspiracy and armed robbery under the

Robbery and Fire Arms Special provisions of the Act.

He stated that the prosecution had proved its case beyond any reasonable doubt saying, however that even the state governor should consider the ages of the convicts by converting their death sentence to life imprisonment on long sentence under the provision on the prerogative of mercy.