

A BAUCHI State High Court last Friday heard about one Husseina Mohammed (26), who allegedly killed her step son.

Her husband, 43-year-old Mohammed Murtala, accused the woman of killing his four-year-old son, Tajuddeen Mohammed, whom he said she threw into a deep well.

Testifying before the court, Mohammed said he was not at home when the crime was committed, but was reliably informed that Husseina was culpable.

The case had been on since 2003, Murtala said. Husseina, who was then nursing a three-month-old baby, was remanded at the Bauchi Prisons along with her baby.

At the resumed hearing, the prosecuting state counsel, Hamidu Kunaza, told the court that four witnesses were ready to testify to establish a case

Stepmum arraigned over boy's death

against Husseina.

Also testifying, Tajuddeen's mother, Asma'u Mohammed, 32, told the court, how the accused, who had gone to visit her friend, sent for Tajudeen on the fateful day.

"Husseina went to visit her friend at Rimin Kaba quarters in Azare town.

She later sent one boy to take my son to her and I released him only to learn later that he had fallen into a well and was dead," Asma'u told the court.

Mr justice Aliyu Musa adjourned further hearing in the case to July 31 and ordered that Husseina be remanded in prison custody.