

Police kidnappers who allegedly abducted Niger Delta Petroleum manager after their arrest in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

# Unemployed man allegedly kills neighbour over dead rat

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munity, a suburb of Lagos State.

AN Ikeja High Court, on Wednesday, heard how a man allegedly murdered his neighbour over the smell of a dead rat.

According to an Investigating Police Officer, Mr. O. Osaretin, who testified before the court, the defendant, Chinonso Ewerem and the deceased, Ebuka Agbo, lived in rooms opposite each other in a 'face-me-I-face-you' house at Igando com-

Trouble started when the deceased confronted the defendant about the pungent smell of a dead rat coming from a pile of unused items near the latter's room.

The deceased, it was gathered, maintained that the smell was coming from Chinonso's room, an allegation which allegedly angered him.

"The argument degenerated into a fight and the defendant hit the deceased

with an object, after which he slumped and had to be rushed to a nearby hospital.

"During the course of investigation, I visited the deceased at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital where he was placed on oxygen in the Intensive Care Unit.

"He couldn't speak very well but managed to explain what happened between him and the defendant. Sadly, he died a few days after the incident," the IPO told the court. The IPO also told the court

that the defendant was formerly charged before a Magistrates' Court for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm but the charge was later changed to to murder after the deceased died.

Chinonso pleaded not guilty to the one count of murder and was subsequently remanded in Kirikiri Maximum Prisons.

The judge, Justice Sedotan Ogunsanya consequently adjourned the case till March 1, 2018 for continuation of trial.

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