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Odude, said that the driver betrayed the trust and confidence reposed in him by

operatives commenced investigation immediately. This led to the arrest of the suspect

boss in September.

"I took my boss to the hospital, and when she had gone

Man to die by hanging for hacking stepmother to death

A Plateau State High Court sitting in Jos, on Thursday, sentenced a 24-year-old man, Binfa Lamde, to death by hanging for hacking his stepmother to death, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

Justice A.I. Ashoms handed down the sentence when he found Lamde guilty of killing his stepmother, Mrs Kum Zwade.

Delivering judgment, Ashoms said that going by the findings of the court, Lamde took the life of the

deceased.

"This sentence is mandatory, as the law states that any person convicted of murder shall be punished with death by hanging.

"The sentence of this court upon you is that you, Binfa Lamde, will be hanged until you are dead. May God have mercy on your soul," Ashoms said.

NAN reported that the convict was first arraigned on July 14, 2014, charged with culpable homicide, contrary to Section 221 of

the Penal Code, punishable with death upon conviction.

The convict committed the crime on April 10, 2014, when he used a machete to hack his stepmother to death.

Lamde, in his confessional statement to the police, admitted the crime, claiming that the deceased was a witch.

"I was at home on the said date when I heard my step-sister, Chakwai Zuwade, screaming in her room.

"I ran to her room and she

told me she was not feeling fine and needed me to take her to the hospital. We took her to the hospital with my brother, but after many tests, nothing was found.

"We later took her to a herbalist but her condition kept getting worse. My stepmother now confessed to us that she was the one who tied her own daughter through witchcraft.

"We asked her to untie her but she refused. My son was also sick at that point and I felt she was the one

who tied him too. My step-sister later died and I got very angry.

"I went into her room while she was sleeping and used a machete to attack her and she died instantly."

Counsel to the convict, Mr David Adudu, did not contest the judgment, saying he was okay with the judgment of the court.

He, however, said he would get a copy of the judgment, study it and look for possible grounds of appeal.