

# Court sentences 36-year-old man to death for killing father over alleged witchcraft in A'Ibom

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THE Akwa Ibom State High Court sitting in Uyo has sentenced a 36-year-old man, Victor Etimeyo Obot, to death by hanging for killing his father whom he accused of being responsible for his misfortune through manipulative powers of witchcraft.

Obot, a native of Ikot Obio Mkpong Ikono village in Uyo Local Government Area, was given the maximum sentence by the presiding judge, Justice Okon Okon, after the prosecuting counsel proved his case beyond reasonable doubt.

The court held that there were credible evidence that

the deceased died after the accused had attacked him with a machete, which was recovered at the scene of the crime at 7C, Abak Road, Uyo, on July 6, 2019.

"I have no doubt that the accused did not only intend to cause the deceased grievous bodily harm, but resolved to eliminate him for the nebulous, unsubstantiated allegation that his father was the cause of his problems," Justice Okon said.

The court held that "a man who stabs or inflicts machete cut on another on the neck region is deemed to have intended to kill or cause grievous bodily harm to the person."