

Court remands 2 brothers for murder

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A Chief Magistrate's Court in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has remanded two men in prison for allegedly killing two persons.

The accused persons, Samuel Nwaokwu and his brother, Emmanuel Nwaokwu, were accused of murdering one Charles Ugada and Salome Oburu on November 5, 2013.

The accused persons allegedly committed the offence on Amah-Omoku Road in Omoku, Ogba/Egbema/ Ndoni Local Area of the state.

The prosecution told the court that the accused persons on the said date and place allegedly macheted and strangled Ugada to death.

They are also facing charges of strangling an eyewitness to the killing of the first victim, Oburu to death.

The two brothers were arraigned yesterday on a three-count charge; an offence punishable under Sections 324 and 319, of the Criminal Code Cap 37 Volume 3 Laws of Rivers State of Nigeria.

No plea was taken, as the trial Chief Magistrate, I. F. Iyabor, stated that the court lacked jurisdiction to hear the matter.

He ordered that the accused persons should be remanded in prison custody, and also directed that their case file should be remitted to the Director of Public Prosecution for legal advice.

The matter was adjourned till February 13, 2014, for mention.

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