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Woman, 40, kills husband with acid in Rivers

From TONY JOHN, Port Harcourt

olice have raigned a 40-yearold woman before a Chief Magistrate's Court in Port Harcourt, for allegedly killing her husband in Rivers State.

The woman, Catherine was said to have killed the victim, Michael, by pouring a substance suspected to be acid on him, which resulted to his untimely death.

The tragedy was said to have occurred on Friday, January 10, 2014 at Nitel, Mbiama in Ahoada West Local Government Area of the state.

The accused person was arraigned in court yesterday, on a one-count charge of murder and the offence committed is punishable under Section 319 (1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 37, Volume II, Laws of Rivers, 1999.

The charge read: "That you Catherine (female) on January 10, 2014, at Nitel Road, Mbiama, in the Port Harcourt Magisterial District, did unlawfully murder one Michael (male) by pouring substance suspected to be acid all over his body and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 319 (1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 37, Volume II, Laws of Rivers State of Nigeria, 1999." However, no plea was

taken. The trial Chief Magistrate, Ipalibo Iyiabo, ordered that she should be remanded in prison custody. He said the court lacked

DPP's advice.

the jurisdiction to hear the matter and directed that the case file should be remitted to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice. Chief Magistrate

said further that the accused could apply for bail at the High Court, while she re-

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