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2 to die by hanging in Ebonyi

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A High Court sitting in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State has sentenced two persons to death by hanging for killing a boy over alleged phone theft.

The duo, Chukwuma Nweke and Chibuike Ucha were accused of killing one Friday Njoku in a forest at Ugwuachara in Ebonyi Local Government Area of the state in 2008 on the allegation that he stole a handset belonging to Nweke.

The convicts and others at large were said to have taken the late Friday to the forest where they tortured him to death.

The duo were convicted and sentenced to death by hanging by the state Chief

Judge, Justice Alloy Nwankwo.

The Chief Judge held that the prosecution counsel had proved the case against the two men beyond every reasonable doubt.

The state counsel and the prosecution counsel, Okwor Ugwu, had in a written address, urged the Chief Judge to convict the accused persons.

"We urged my lord to convict the two accused persons, in this case, Chukwuma Nweke and Chibuike Ucha as charged of the murder of the deceased, Friday Njoku, as the prosecution has fulfilled all righteousness with respect to proof beyond reasonable doubt, of all ingredients of the offence of murder against the two accused persons in this case," the counsel had told the court.

He commended the court for the judgment, describing the judiciary as the last hope of the common man. He

urged anyone who feels aggrieved not to take laws into his or her hands but to seek redress in court.

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