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ASABA- AN Ogwashi-Uku High Court in Delta State has convicted a couple for killing their only son with a gun as a result of scuffle between them.

Prosecution had told the court that one Mr. Monday Ugwu, a vigilante member at Ogwashi -Uku returned home on the 8th of April 2007 at about 6.30am from his beat to confront his pregnant wife over the whereabouts of a wheelbarrow he borrowed the previous day.

Not satisfied with the explanation from the wife, he was said to have flogged her leading to a scuffle. In the process, his wife furiously ran and took a locally-made one



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single barrel gun kept behind the door. She smashed it on the ground and in the process, the gun exploded and hit their only child, a four-year old , Chibuese Ugwu. The boy died later that day at the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Asaba.

Sentencing the two accused persons, on the 14th of December last year, the presiding Judge, Justice. T.O. Diai stated that “the court has considered all the circumstances and is saddened about the events which gave rise to this charge against the accused persons, a husband and wife.

“They have lost their only son as a result of the carelessness of the 1st accused (husband) person in keeping a loaded gun behind a door in their apartment and the uncontrollable rage displayed by the 2nd accused (wife) person. Taking all these into consideration I hereby pronounce the following sentences on the accused persons. 1st accused person: sentenced to three years imprisonment. The sentence is to run from the date of remand in prison custody. 2nd accused persons: find of N5,000 or two years imprisonment with hard labour”.

From the available court record, the 1st accused person has been in custody for about three years, having jumped bail and re-arrested.

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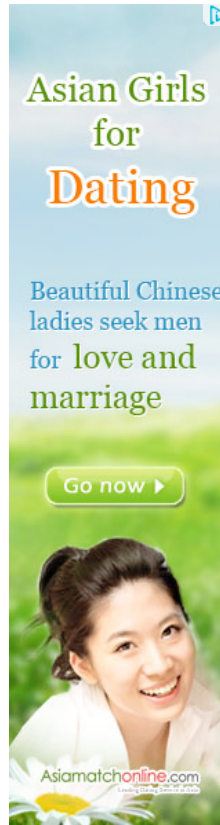
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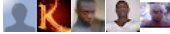
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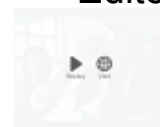
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yes, the law must take its due course, and no one is suppose to be exempted from its wrath. but for this couples, no one need to tell them, i think they must have learnt their lessons and given a food for thoughts to fighting couples. in your anger, you can do things you will later regret.

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a four years old nigerian was killed by his parents, all the judge could say was a miserable three years jail term or an option of fine of 5,000.00 naira. This is poverty at work again. A man flogging his pregnant wife because of a wheelbarrow. The woman in trying to defend herself, rushed to a loaded gun, picked it up and hit it on the ground, it exploded and their four years son died. Did they continue the fight after the explosion of the gun? Did the guy find the wheelbarrow after the death of the son? If the man had made use of his brain or the woman restrain herself, they would not have lost their only child. Even at that, I am annoyed that the life of a nigerian is this worthless before our judges. The state should appeal against the judgment and have them give the due punishment for their sins. I WEEP FOR MY COUNTRY.

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