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## 38-yr-old woman to die by hanging over step-son's murder

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**MAKURDI**—A Makurdi High Court, presided over by Justice Jennifer Ijohor, yesterday, sentenced a 38-year-old house wife, Mrs. Ternenge Tersoo, to death by hanging for the murder of her one-year-old step-son.

*Vanguard* learned that the convict's husband had reported her to the Police at Vandeikya in 2012, alleging that his wife killed his one-year-old baby.

According to the First Information Report, FIR, filed before the court by the police prosecutor, she was accused of snatching her year old step-son from a nanny and strangled him to death.

In the course of the trial, the accused testified for herself and denied the allegation, but called no witness to support her claims.

**No remorse**



(<http://www.vanguardngr.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/suicide-cartoon.jpg>) She was also alleged to have failed to show remorse over the incident and held her ground that she had no hand in the death of the baby.

The prosecution counsel called two witnesses, including the Investigating Police Officer, IPO, who tendered a medical report of the autopsy carried out on the dead baby at the General Hospital, Vandeikya.



In her judgment, Justice Ijohor held that the weight of evidence against the accused was overwhelming.

She further held that the evidence before her showed that the prosecuting counsel proved his case beyond all reasonable doubts to cause the conviction of the accused.

Justice Ijohor, who decried the manner the life of the innocent baby was taken, advised married women without children to seek God's intervention in their situation rather than resort to vicious and repulsive acts.

She ordered that the convict be taken to the Federal Minimum Prison, Makurdi, where she would await execution of the judgement.

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