

Man bags life imprisonment for killing father in A-Ibom

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UYO—ONE Utibe Ita, who killed his father for not allowing him to visit his mistress, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for manslaughter.

Eyo Ita reportedly killed his father, Mr. Oscar Ita, in Nkim village, Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

Eyo Ita was originally arraigned before State High Court, Ibiono Ibom, on a count charge of murder.

Justice Bassey Nkanang of Akwa Ibom State High Court, Ibiono Ibom, sentenced Utibe Eyo Ita for manslaughter.

Nkanang ruled: "The court believed that there was mutual physical assault. A person who unlawfully kills another in the circumstance of mutual physical assault committed manslaughter.

"The prosecution has proven all the ingredients of murder. The court is persuaded to convict the accused of the offence of manslaughter. Consequently, the accused is sentenced to life imprisonment."

However, the reason given by the accused for the running conflict with his late father, according to his confessional statement to the Police at the State CID Uyo, was that the late father prevented him from

visiting his mistress (name withheld) in Ikot Ambang, a neighbouring village in the same council.

The accused had also confessed that he actually struggled with his late father, hitting him back after being hit in the eye.

And from the confessional statement, autopsy report and Police investigation, there was strong suspicion that the accused may have buried his father when he was not yet dead, since he confessed that he hit the late father who "fell down," adding that he "rushed" to a neighbour, begged and obtained a shovel used in digging the shallow grave.

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