

# Two Kenyans charged in murder of Irish priest

KERICHO, Kenya - Kenyan authorities have charged two men with the mid-December murder of an Irish priest.

A senior magistrate in Kericho Dec. 29 charged Isaac Kipng'etich Bett and Godfrey Kariuki Kiiru with the Dec. 11 murder of Kiltegan Father Jeremiah Roche.

The two men denied the charges and were remanded into custody.

Court officials heard that the two men and others who did not appear in court robbed Father Roche of a laptop, two cell phones, a digital camera and a CD player. The two were charged with later killing Father Roche, who was alone in his home at St. Patrick Keongo Parish.

Father Roche, 68, had served in Kenya for 41 years.