

Philodemus' "On Anger" - General - Texts and Resources

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I just came across a passage in [The Deipnosophists \(13.92\)](#))

But Theotimus, who wrote the books against Epicurus, was accused by Zeno the Epicurean, and put to death; as is related by Demetrius the Magnesian, in his treatise in *People and Things which go by the same Name*.

Διότιμος δ' ὁ γράψας τὰ κατ' Ἐπικούρου βιβλία ὑπὸ Ζήνωνος τοῦ Ἐπικουρείου ἐξαιτηθεὶς ἀνηρέθη, ὡς φησι Δημήτριος ὁ Μάγνης ἐν τοῖς Ὀμωνύμοις. '''

I'm assuming Zeno is [Zeno of Sidon](#), teacher of Philodemus and scholarch of The Garden.

ἐξαιτηθεὶς - demand the surrender of a person, esp. a criminal

ἀνηρέθη - take up, ἀνελόντες ἀπὸ χθονός having raised the victim from the ground, so as to cut its throat; make away with, destroy, of men, kill

It would appear to me that, if this story is actually true, Zeno was angry enough to accuse Theotimus of something as written in the books against Epicurus, to have him brought up on charges and eventually executed! There's a story I'd like to hear!