

Bayelsa arraigns suspected killers of estate agent

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Federal High Court Abuja

[Bayelsa State Government](#) will today arraign the alleged killers of 42-years-old [estate agent](#), Richard Ekpebu.

Ekpebu was murdered in cold blood over a [land sales](#) deal and his body dumped in a bush along the New Otuoke Road near Bayelsa Palm on July 24, 2025.

The police tactical team of the Operation Puff Adder led by CSP Chris Nwaogbo, following a thorough investigation in Lagos, Port Harcourt and Yenagoa, arrested five suspects over the killing.

Our correspondent confirmed that those arrested include the key suspect, George Idumange, 40; his girlfriend, Miss Victory Bernard, 23; a personnel with the Okaka Medium Correctional Centre with the rank of ASP equivalent, Ekiamene Amaoniye, aka Cash Money; Ibo Imaremi Gold, alias Police, 34; Queen Felix, sister to the key suspect; and Henry Igwe, 35.

Sources close to the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP) headed by Peretimi Judith Peterside, disclosed that the prosecution would arraign the suspects in court today at the State High Court 5 presided over by Justice Raphael Ajuwa.

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In the charge sheet sighted by our correspondent, the suspects under the suit numbered BYHC/YHC/CR/19/2026, would be charged with alleged conspiracy to kidnap, kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy to commit murder, murder, conspiracy to obtain money under false pretence, conspiracy to destroy evidence, destroying evidence, Illegal possession of firearms among others.

It was gathered that despite repeated correspondence from the State Police Command to the sister agency, the Nigerian Correctional Service, there was no acknowledgement of the existence of personnel with the Okaka Medium Correctional Centre with the rank of ASP equivalent, Ekiamene Amaoniye Alex also known as Cash Money in service.

According to the prepared charge sheet, Akex, also known as Money, is charged with illegal possession of firearms and conspiracy to destroy evidence.

Also the sister to the key suspect, identified as Queen, is to be charged with alleged forgery and false signature of deed of conveyance of a land located at Otuoke on Ogbia Local Council of the state and presentation of same to police formation as evidencing ownership of the land at the Special Enquiry Bureau office of the Nigerian Police Force.