

Enugu man arraigned for allegedly killing wife

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The Enugu State Police Command has arraigned 46-year-old Livinus Okoh before the Enugu East Magistrate Court for allegedly murdering his wife, Onyinyechi Okoh, at their residence in Amuri, Nkanu West Local Government Area.

According to the charge sheet, obtained by our correspondent on Thursday, Okoh allegedly hit his wife with an axe on the lower jaw, leading to her death on October 8, 2025.

The police prosecutors, C.O. Ugwu Esq. and A.C. Amalu Esq., accused Okoh of committing an offence punishable under Section 274 (1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 30, Vol. II, Revised Laws of Enugu State of Nigeria.

The Magistrate, Uche Jidefor, ruled that the court lacked jurisdiction to grant bail and remanded Okoh in the correctional centre pending legal advice from the Enugu State Ministry of Justice. The case has been adjourned to December 17, 2025.

Meanwhile, the Enugu State Government, in a statement on Thursday, condemned the killing, describing it as “a grave reminder of the persistent and unacceptable menace of Gender-Based Violence in our society.”

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The statement, signed by the Commissioner for Children, Gender Affairs, and Social Development, Mrs. Ngozi Enih, called on the judiciary to ensure swift justice, reaffirming the government's zero-tolerance stance on domestic violence.

The state government expressed its condolences to the family of the deceased and urged community members to report all forms of violence and abuse.

"Violence against women, in any form, is a gross violation of human rights and is contrary to the values of equality, respect, and dignity that we uphold as a people," Mrs. Enih stated.

The government reaffirmed its commitment to working with law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, and civil society organizations to prevent such incidents and ensure justice prevails.