

Man arraigned for killing mother in Ebonyi

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A 30-year-old man, Oforbuike Damian, has been arraigned before a Magistrate's Court in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, for allegedly stabbing his mother to death.

The defendant was docked on a one-count charge bordering on murder.

The Police Prosecutor, David Njoku, who is also a Senior State Counsel, told the court that the offence was committed on March 19, 2026, at Ohatekwe village in the Ukawu community, Onicha Local Government Area of the state.

Njoku alleged that the defendant caused the death of his mother, Mrs Onyema Damian, by stabbing her in the back with a knife.

He said the offence is punishable under Section 319 of the Criminal Code, Cap 33, Vol. 1, Laws of Ebonyi State, 2009.

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The defendant, who was not represented by counsel, told the court that he killed his mother following her refusal to bathe him.

“I don’t know what really happened, but I remember killing her because she refused to bathe me,” he said.

The Chief Magistrate, Chinedu Agama, ordered that the defendant be remanded in a correctional facility, noting that the court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the matter.

He also directed that the case file and exhibits be forwarded to the Department of Public Prosecutions for legal advice.

The matter was adjourned till April 9, 2026.