

FUTO lecturer, another docked for murder

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MR. Greg Alozie, a lecturer in the Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) and one Mr. Sunday Emenyonu have been remanded in prison custody by Owerri Chief Magistrate Court for their alleged involvement in the murder of Mr Felix Ofoegbu a native of Umuakali Naze, Owerri, on October 10.

Alozie and Emenyeonu were arraigned before the court by the Imo State Police Command on two count charge of murder and conspiracy to commit murder, few days after their arrest by the police command.

A third accomplice in the murder, Mr. Patrick Iroh, a

mechanic, is said to be on the run. The court presided over by Mrs. V.C. Isiguzo declined jurisdiction to entertain the matter and therefore, ordered that the accused be kept in prison custody pending the advice of Director of police Prosecution (DPP), who will study the case file of the duo before prosecution at a higher court. Mrs. Isiguzo in issuing the order, however reminded the accused of their rights to apply for bail at the High Court.

The prosecuting Police Officer, Mr. C.L. Iheukwumere, ASP had argued strongly before the Chief Magistrate that where a court lacks jurisdiction to hear a murder case, the option for it is to make the necessary order

for the accused to be remanded in prison custody until the case is transferred to a High Court.

Quoting sections six and seven of relevant Edit of East central state of Nigeria 1974, Iheukwumere, a lawyer urged the court to discountenance the

bail application made by the accused lawyer, Mr. Nath Apele and stated that circumstances of the murder is pitiable even as he stated that nobody can guarantee the safety of the accused if they are granted bail.

2007: Tension in Delta as aspir

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TENSION now looms in Delta State over the outcome of the screening of aspirants to the State House of Assembly by a Committee of the National Executive Committee of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party, PDP.

Tense as the situation is, three of the committee

members drafted from Abuja to monitor the screening mysteriously disappeared from their hotel room in the early hours of Thursday for fear of being lynched to death by aggrieved aspirants not favoured during the exercise.

Already, allegations of hijack by the Abuja faction has continued to trail the result of the four-day screening exercise