

6 face trial over murder of bishop

SIX persons were on Monday arraigned for allegedly killing Bishop Ogbonnaya Onyewububu, an Anglican Bishop based in the U.S.

The accused persons, included Chinedu Nnadumele, Chibuike Ubani, Ahamefule Arisa, Uchechukwu Ogbonna, Adanma Arisa and Oko Rachael.

The accused persons allegedly shot and killed the Bishop while robbing him of N20,000 cash and a Nokia handset.

They were also said to have robbed his sister Lilian, of her Nokia handset and a VCD player.

The robbery took place at Azumiri, Umukabia, in Umuahia North Local Government of Abia, according to the prosecution.

When the case came up at an Umuahia High Court, they pleaded not guilty to the three count charge of possession of

firearms, murder and robbery of the deceased and Lilian on November 4, 2007.

The Director of Public Prosecution, Mr David Onyeike, applied for the matter to be stepped down for trial.

The defence counsel, Chief Gab Chionye and Mr Obinna Chinakalam did not oppose the

application.

Justice Sunday Imo thereafter, adjourned trial till April 4, and ordered that the accused persons be remanded in prison custody.

The late Bishop, who was on holiday when the incident occurred, was buried on February 9, 2008.

A 25-year-old computer science graduate of Niger State Polytechnic, Zungeru, has been arrested for allegedly dressing like a lady with the intention to commit crime.

The suspect, who was paraded before newsmen at the police headquarters in Minna, Niger State was alleged to have dressed in Islamic code (hijab) and

Man in police

sneaked into the female hostel on the campus.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Richard Oguiche, told newsmen that the suspect's mission to the female hostel had yet to be ascertained.

He said the suspect, who was also alleged to have stolen some items