

Bizman charged for armed robbery, murder

A 32-year-old businessman, Cosy Emenike Ezenwafor, has appeared before an Abuja High Court on a five-count charge of conspiracy, culpable homicide and armed robbery.

The accused person arraigned in High Court 15 sitting at Gudu was on count one alleged to have conspired with others at large to commit felony to wit armed robbery, an offence punishable under section 97 of the Penal Code Law of northern Nigeria.

The offence was allegedly committed on June 4, 2007 at about 0200hrs.

In the count two, the accused with others at large on the same date, place and time, allegedly conspired to commit felony to wit culpable homicide punishable with death under section 97 of the Penal Code.

Prosecuting police officer Barrister Francis Irabor said the accused in the count

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three with others at large did cause the death of one Uchenna Anakor by shooting him with a gun on the right side of his chest with the knowledge that his death would be the probable consequence of the act after he (the accused) had earlier promised to kill the deceased over a dispute involving the sum of N109,000.

This particular charge, according to the prosecutor, is an offence punishable under section 221 of the Penal Code Law.

The prosecutor told the court that Emenike with others at large did on the same date, while armed with guns and dangerous weapons, allegedly rob the late Anakor of an undisclosed amount of money, three GSM handsets and other valuables, thereby committing an offence punishable

under sections 298 of the Penal Code.

The prosecutor said the accused during the robbery operations also attacked a couple, Mr and Mrs Christopher Ajoku, and allegedly robbed them of N8,000 cash and one Motorola handset, two lady's bags and one wrapper.

"He also attacked one Anah Agada and robbed her of one GSM handset," the prosecutor concluded.

The accused person denied all the allegations, and his counsel Barr. S.C. Peters made an application for bail citing section 153, subsection a, b, c of the Criminal Procedure Code and the relevant sections of the 1999 constitution.

Presiding judge Talba ruled that the accused be remanded in prison custody and adjourned the case to October 15 for the defence to formally move the motion for the bail application.