

TUESDAY, September 27, 2016

## Father remanded for allegedly killing his two daughters

**A** LOKOJA Chief Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded an applicant, Samuel Anyaogu, 29, in prison for allegedly killing his two daughters.

He allegedly dumped the bodies of the two kids, whom he had from a concubine in a stream.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr. Levi Animoku, who gave the order, described the crime as horrifying.

"It is the highest crime known to our laws. "This court declines to admit the accused to bail. Consequently, he shall be remanded at the Federal Prisons, Koton-Karfe." Animoku said and adjourned the case to October 18 for mention.

Earlier, the Prosecutor, Sergeant Tuesday Ganagana, told court that the matter was reported at the 'A' Division Police Headquarters in Lokoja by the concubine and mother of the kids, identified as Grace Edwin.

Ganagana told court that Edwin of Nataco area of Lokoja had alleged that in the afternoon of Christmas day, 2015, Anyaogu suffocated her nine-month-old baby, Chinonso to death.

He said the accused carried out the crime by covering the baby's nostrils and mouth, pretending to be playing with her, making the child to die instantly. The prosecutor said that the baby was later rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja where she was

confirmed dead on arrival.

Ganagana said that the complainant also alleged that on December 26, 2015, the accused dumped the body of the dead child in a sack and threw it into the stream near NITEL office in Lokoja.

He said that the accused, again, on January 1 this year, hit Edwin's first daughter, two-year-old Miracle Edwin with a heavy object, making the girl to collapse and die.

He disclosed that the body was, again, thrown into the same stream at the same location by the accused and he threatened to kill Edwin, if she revealed the cause of death of the two children to anybody.

The complainant told court that she did not have courage to report the matter until her family members forced her to reveal the truth and later report the matter to the police.

Earlier counsel to the accused, Mr. O.S. Atokolo, applied for Anyaogu's bail, citing Section 36(5) of the Constitution and 341(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code. But the application was opposed by the prosecutor, who said that investigation into the matter was still on.

"We object to the bail of the accused as the offence of culpable homicide is not bailable," Ganagana said.

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