

How medical doctor, others allegedly killed billionaire businessman, Lagos court told

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THE prosecution witnesses to the trial of a medical doctor, Daniel Ibeaji and two others suspected over the killing of a billionaire businessman, the late Ignatius Odunukwe, yesterday, told a Lagos State High Court sitting at the Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS), how the suspects allegedly killed the deceased.

Giving graphic description of the events that led to the killing, brothers to the deceased, Afam and Eugene Odunukwe, told the court

that police findings, showed that Ibeaji, the first defendant, was the last person to call the deceased (the late Chief Odunukwe), before his line was switched off.

Ibeaji is standing trial alongside Uzor Igwe Arinze and Cletus Solomon for alleged kidnapping and killing the businessman, while pretending to buy a property from him on December 1, 2019, at Atican Beach Hotel, Ajah, Lagos.

The trio was charged

before Justice Yetunde Adesanya by the Lagos State Government for conspiracy, kidnapping and killing of Odunukwe

They were arraigned on a three-count charge bordering on conspiracy to kidnap, contrary to Section 2, 3 of Kidnapping Prohibition Law of Lagos State 2017.

The offence is contrary to Section 223 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

They denied the allegation, and pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Led-in-evidence by the state

prosecution counsel, Mr. Olayemi Shofolu, the first prosecution witness, Odunukwe Afam told the court that the deceased (Chief Odunukwe) who was his uncle informed him in November 2019 that one Godwin Okereke based in Enugu State had expressed interest in his 10 Terrace Duplex with an adjoining plot of land located in Abuja to be sold at N900 million.

Adam, who is a lawyer, told the court that he prepared a deed of assignment on the transaction.