

Police to arraign four for robbery, murder on June 17

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A Rivers State High Court in Port Harcourt, has adjourned to June 17 for arraignment of four persons in connection with alleged robbery and murder of one Chidi Onwukwe, in Elelenwo, Port Harcourt.

The suspects, according to the charge marked PHC/667/CR/2022 filed by the Police, are Samuel Onwukwe, 49, (1st defendant) Andrew Epai Otanye, 27, (2nd defendant), Samuel Emmason, 26, (3rd defendant) and Promise George, 30, (4th defendant).

Justice Sylvester Popnen fixed the date following the suspects' absence.

When the matter was called, Police counsel Essien Edet informed the court that only Samuel was in custody, but that the Investigative Police Officer (IPO) in the case, who should have brought him to court, was away on a special duty.

He added that others had yet to be served the charge and were not in court to take their pleas

“The 1st defendant is in police custody, but the IPO is in Bayelsa on a special assignment. We are asking for adjournment to enable the defendants to appear to take plea,” Mr. Edet added.

While the 1st to 3rd defendants had no legal representation, the 4th defendant was represented by J. Okpamen.

Justice Popnen directed the prosecutor to ensure the defendants were served to enable them appear in court to take their pleas

The judge adjourned proceedings to June 17.