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•Mum, daughter held for 'kidnap'

An Oredo Magistrate's Court in Edo State has remanded four persons in prison custody for allegedly stabbing a man, Kelly Edobor, to death.

Edobor was said to have been stabbed in the head with a broken bottle.

Emmanuel Esiekpe (22), Osazee Alfred (18), Precious Anthony (17) and Rotimi Igiebo (21) were arraigned for conspiring to commit felony and murder.

Police Prosecutor Sylvester Omor told the court that the offence was committed on March 10 at Zabayo Street in Benin City.

The offences contravened sections 516 and 320(1) of the Criminal Code and the accused, if convicted, are liable to 14 years in jail or death. They pleaded not guilty.

The Chief Magistrate, Mike Osayi, directed that the case file be duplicated and a copy sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions for advice. He adjourned the matter till May 26.

Also yesterday, a 47-year-old woman, Magdalene Ohenhen and her daughter, Grace (23) were arraigned for allegedly abducting a 19-year-old girl.

They were charged for conspiracy to commit felony and unlawful abduction.

The offence was committed on March 22 at Noghahase Str, off First East Circular Road, Benin.

Omor told the court that the accused abducted Precious Ogiefa from her house without her parents' consent.

He said the accused capitalised on the girl's health challenges to kidnap her.

They are liable to seven years imprisonment if convicted.

Omor said it was the victim's father, Paul Ogiefa, who lodged a report with the police.

The accused pleaded not quilty.

Magistrate Osayi granted the accused bail of N300, 000 each and a surety.

The case was adjourned till May 15.



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