

Man remanded in prison over murder

A 45-YEAR-old man, Vincent Nwefife, was Monday remanded in prison custody by an Abakaliki Chief Magistrates' court for alleged murder of his step mother and her 10-year-old daughter.

The accused was alleged to have set the victim's house located at Mbamiri village in Ebonyi Council Area of the state on fire.

Inspector Nkwoagu Ugboka, the prosecutor, told the court that the accused on September 24, at Mbamiri village, unlawfully killed one Regina Nwefife by inflicting machete cuts on her.

Vincent was also accused of killing one Nwankwo Nwefife,

a 10-year-old daughter of Regina by using the same machete on her.

The prosecutor further alleged that Vincent set the house of his victims on fire after he had locked their corpses inside the house.

Ugboka told the court that it was one of the victim's children who witnessed

the act that raised alarm which led to the arrest of the accused.

The prosecutor urged the court not to grant bail to the accused as his offence was not bailable.

The accused who was not

represented by counsel was silent on whether he committed the offence.

But he told the court that his late step mother and her daughter conspired to deny him access to his late father's property.

The magistrate, Mrs. Esther Ifeanyi-Nwuke, remanded the accused in prison custody on the ground that her court had no jurisdiction to entertain the matter.

She advised the accused to proceed to Abakaliki High court to apply for his bail, stressing that it was only a court of such status that could hear and grant bail on the matter. The case was adjourned indefinitely.

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