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Police arraign fake PHCN officials for murder, robbery

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Eight suspects who posed as PHCN officials have been arraigned before a Mararaba High Court in Nasarawa State on charges of murder and robbery.

The police alleged that at about 8:30hrs on November 21, 2012, the gang of bandits, posing as Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) officials on assignment, barged into the residence of 65-year-old Alhaji Hassan Audu (now deceased) at GRA in Uke and insisted on seeing the victim.

According to information filed before the court, the victims, who was in the bathroom, dressed up and appeared in the living room, but the hoodlums immediately held up his wife, daughter and a house help in one of the toilets in the house and attacked him.

The suspects alleged to have tied the deceased with a blue synthetic rope and incised him with sharp cuts on the hand and other parts of the body with a battle axe which they had planted preparatory for the acts.

Policed counsel, Frank Longe, gave the names of the suspects as Samaila Jeremaih (the deceased's driver and mastermind of the crime), Vincent Ibrahim, Benjamin Gauji, Emmanuel Onah, Janes Jack, Dennis Edeh and one Egbon now at large.

Also arraigned for the offence were John Nuhu, Emmanuel Peter, Sunday Akande and Danjuma Audu Makama for receiving the property stolen from the deceased's house.

The police prosecutor alleged that the suspects took their time to ransack every nook and cranny of the deceased's house and made away with his properties which include one MTN inscribed Toyota Commuter bus with registration NO. EPE 269 XA, land documents, generator set, one 50 inches Samsung television set, their other Samsung television set, three DVD players, laptops, desktop computers, refrigerator, mobile telephones, mattresses, MTN branded ball pens, caps and a bag of rice.

Justice Asma'u L Yusuf, after listening to the charges, remanded the suspects in prison custody and adjourned the case till 30 July 2014 for ruling on a bail application.

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