

Man who allegedly beat pregnant wife to death remanded in Kuje prison

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A 37-year-old man, Matthew Ankyoor, who allegedly beat his wife to death in June, was on Tuesday remanded in Kuje prison by a high court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Ankyoor was arraigned on a three-count charge bordering on culpable homicide punishable with death before Justice A.O Ebong, a vacation judge, sitting at Maitama, Abuja.

The defendant, a resident of Lugbe Zone 5 Village, Airport Road, Abuja, was alleged to have, on June 5, at about 8:30p.m., committed a criminal offence by causing the death of one Doosur Ankyoor, who was eight months pregnant, by beating her up severely, while also throwing her face on the ground with the intention of causing her death.

The offence, according to the charge read to him in court, was punishable under Section 221 of the Penal Code Law.

The suspect was also accused of causing the death of the unborn child by act amounting to culpable homicide, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 236 of the Penal Code Law.

The suspect, however, pleaded not guilty to the three-count charge, which prompted the prosecution counsel, Donatus Abah, to ask the court for a date to commence trial.

Counsel for the defendant, applied orally for the bail of his client, which was turned down by the judge.

While adjourning the case till after the vacation, Justice Ebong ordered that the defendant be remanded at Kuje prison, while directing his counsel to formally apply for his bail.