

## Court sentences four to death by hanging in Osun

AN Osun State High Court sitting in Osogbo on Monday sentenced four persons to death by hanging for murder and other related offences.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*,

the four convicts are Olabisi Bashiru (50), Kayode Sunday (27) Rashidi Waidi (35) and Hameed Rafiu (33).

They had pleaded guilty to the offences committed.

The presiding judge, Justice S. Falola, sentenced the four to death due to the magnanimity of the offence.

The state counsel, Mr Dele Akintayo, had told the court that the convicts committed the offence on November 27, 2018 at about 2:00 p.m. at Moboreja area in Ikirun.

"The convicts were armed with offensive weapons and they jumped the fence into the house owned by Victor

Akinbile's uncle and forcibly entered the room where he was sleeping.

"They demanded N10 million from Akinbile, but he gave them N3 million through transfer. They also collected huge cash from him, having threatened to kill him.

"They later kidnapped Ak-

inbile and put him inside his Toyota Camry car boot and drove him to Dominion Camp area, old Iragbiji road along Ikirun/Osogbo road and set him and the car ablaze, which caused his death."

The prosecution counsel said the offence contravened the Robbery and

Fire Arms Laws 2004, punishable under the Criminal Code, Cap 34, Volume 2, Laws of 2002.

Counsel for the convicts, Mr S. Ajibade and Mr Adedayo Adedeji, prayed the court to temper justice with mercy in sentencing the convicts.