## **SATURDAY CRIME**

## Four arraigned for alleged murder

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A Makurdi Magistrates' Court in Benue State on Friday remanded four accused persons in prison for alleged criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide.

The accused persons, all from Unwaba Eokpa Village in Otukpo Local Government Area, are Monday Paul, Samuel Sunday, Enokela Samuel and Alechenu Agbo.

Prosecutor of the case, Sgt. Joel Yerima, told the court that the matter was transferred from Divisional Police Headquarters in Otukpo to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department in Makurdi, the capital on February 6.

Yerima said that one Sunday Ugbaha of Unwaba Eokpa Village with one other person reported the incident at the Otukpo Police Station on January 28.

"The complainants stated that the accused persons with others who are now at large got hold of his cousin, Paul Okewu, 25, and beat him seriously for allegedly stealing some tubers of yams. As a result of the beating, the victim died instantly from injuries

sustained.

"During police investigations, the accused were arrested and Alechenu Agbo voluntarily confessed to the crime," Yerima said.



The Magistrate, Mrs. Ajuma Igama, adjourned the case till March 24 for further mention, the *News Agency of Nigeria*, reports.

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