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suspect would be charged to court as soon as possible.



DSS arraigns suspected killer of Sylva's uncle

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AUTHORITIES of the Department of State Services (DSS) has arraigned a 27-years-old man over his alleged role in the kidnap and murder of Chief Benson Ayerite Adigio-Eseni, a retired Major and uncle to former governor of Bayelsa State, Chief Timipre Sylva

The suspect identified as Forcebray Ebiene was arraigned before Justice E.T. Okara of the Brass Division of the State High Court, sitting in Yenagoa on a two-count charge of conspiracy and kidnapping of late Major Adigioo-Eseni.

The offences, according to the DSS were punishable under the state Anti-Kidnapping Law.

Justice Okara however, adjourned the case till December 8, 2015 and ordered the suspect to be remanded at the Federal Prison Okaka, to enable him secure the service of a counsel.

Ebiene, who confessed to the crime, was arrested by DSS operatives at Ahoada in Rivers State, where he had gone to access his account.

The suspect, who claimed to be an indigene of Brass community, told *Daily Sun* that although, he got N800,000 as his share from the ransom, he did not know the victim was an uncle to the former governor and begged the family of the deceased to forgive him.

"I accept responsibility for my action but I am begging the family for forgiveness. Please have mercy on me."

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