

# ① 68-year-old man, 2 others arraigned over murder of *okada* rider

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**THREE** persons have been charged with alleged conspiracy and murder of a motorcyclist, Cyprian Kumaorun, during the recent crisis in Idumuje-Ugboko, in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State.

The trio, Ochei Nnamdi, 31, Wilfred Oyono, 68, and Ofonye Ufoh, 58, were accused of killing the man on May 24, 2017, at Idumuje-Ugboko community.

According to the two-count charge against the suspects, they allegedly committed felony, contrary to Section 324 of the Criminal Code, Cap C21, Volume 1, Laws of Delta State of Nigeria, 2006.

The charges also read that they unlawfully killed the victim by shooting him with a gun and thereby committed an offence, contrary to section 316(1), punishable under Section 319 of the Criminal Code, Cap C21, Volume 1, Laws of Delta State of Nigeria, 2006.

After the charges were read to them, no plea was taken and the trial judge, Chief Magistrate Vincent Okonta, explained that the plea was not taken because the court lacked jurisdiction to try the case.

He ordered that the case file be duplicated and forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecution for legal advice and adjourned the case to August 8, 2017.