

# Killing: Ex-Anambra community president general, partner remanded

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**A**n Awka High Court has remanded the former President General of Isuanocha Community in Awka North Local Government Area of Anambra State, Chief Anthony Onyeagolu, and his partner, Mr. Moses Emebo, in prison custody for the alleged murder of Mr. August Okoye.

The accused were arraigned on Monday.

August, a former Deputy Youth Leader in Isuanocha Community, was murdered last year by assailants, allegedly led by Onyeagolu.

August, a 48-year-old businessman, was killed after being kidnapped about 1:30a.m. on December 16, 2018, at his home, Ifite Isu village.

His family members said he was killed for being the star witness in a case of N100 million fraud instituted by the community through the Economic Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) against Onyeagolu.

Another victim, Chidiebere Okoye, an indigene of the community, who was one of those kidnapped, tortured, shot and presumed dead, survived and was invited by the police to make a statement on the incident where he indicted Onyeagolu.

August's widow, Sylvia

Okoye, on the fateful that her husband was abducted and killed, hid and saw as Onyeagolu and others allegedly bundled her husband out of their home, after using his boxers to blindfold him.

The matter, which has been under investigation by the Force Headquarters, Abuja, has been moved to different police stations as policemen with vested interest in the case fight dirty. The matter has been on since 2018.

The case was finally referred back to Anambra State Police Command, where it all started, for further investigation, but again, the accused was granted bail in

a controversial circumstance about 12:30p.m., two months ago.

The presiding judge, Justice Charles Okaa of Court II, Anambra State High Court, Awka Division, remanded

Onyeagolu and his co-defendant, Mr. Moses Emebo, in connection with the murder. Before the ruling, the principal state counsel from Anambra State Ministry of Justice, Mrs. C. N. Chukwu-ka, objected to the manner the police handled the case, insisting that the procedure in a murder case required the police to transmit the case file to the state Attorney General, who, according to her, has the powers to prefer necessary charges or otherwise against the accused persons.