

Four re-arraigned for alleged killing of 2 teenage brothers in Abia

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The Abia State Government yesterday re-arraigned four young men on an amended five-count charge bothering on the murder of two brothers at Osisioma Local Government Area in Aba.

The defendants, Chigozie Ikeokwu, Amanna Temple, Chukwuebuka Nnamani and Godwin Chimezie were re-arraigned at High Court III, Osisioma, Aba, before Justice Teddy Eruba.

The four allegedly strangled to death Bright Osuagwu (9) and his brother Sopuruchi Osuagwu (7) on April 2, 2021, in their house in Abayi-Ogbuligba in Osisioma while their parents were away.

The charges read that these four men conspired to commit murder, and also committed the murder of Bright and Sopuruchi, to which charges the four defendants pleaded not guilty.

The fourth and fifth charges

which excluded the 4th defendant, Godwin Chimezie, read that the other three defendants conspired to commit theft and also committed theft.

The state said that they stole one Plasma Television set, one bottle of Andrea wine, half tin of Kerrygold milk, a half loaf of bread, a bunch of keys, a ring, a Polo shirt, a scarf, a hotel key, and seven boxes of matches. To these two above charges, the first three defendants, Chigozie Ikeokwu, Amanna Temple, and Chukwuebuka Nnamani, also pleaded not guilty.

After taking their plea which was read to them in Igbo language in suit number HOS /25C/2021, the fourth defendants' lawyer, Chidi Nwachukwu asked for an accelerated hearing of the case.

Justice Eruba asked the prosecution counsel, Uloaku Nwogu if her witnesses were ready and she said she has more than five of them confirmed that four are ready to testify.

Justice Eruba then urged the counsels to agree on two court days



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for the witnesses who would take the stand two in one day and report to the court.

After the defendants' counsels had agreed on a date which they communicated to the Judge, he adjourned the case to Tuesday, March 8 and 15 for the testimony of the prosecution witnesses.

Justice Eruba said that the prosecution would within the two days open and close their case to enable further proceedings for accelerated hearing.