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89-yr-old woman kidnapped by grandsons dies one week after release

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AWKA — AN 89-year-old Adafor Madueke, kidnapped by her two grand children at Adazi Ani in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra State, has died one week after her rescue from the kidnappers' den.

Madam Madueke was kidnapped by Kingsley Madueke, 24, with the connivance of his younger brother, Matthew Madueke, 22, and two others and was rescued at Oyeagu, Abagana in Njikoka Local Government Area after N3 million ransom was paid. She, however, died one week after.

Anambra State Director of DSS, Mr. Alex Okeiyi, who pa-

raded the kidnap suspects, yesterday, in Awka said the N3 million ransom was paid on December 23, 2013 at Obollo Afor in Enugu State, adding that her death was apparently due to her ordeal in the custody of the kidnappers.

Okeiyi said: "Investigation showed that the kidnap was hatched by the victim's grandson, Kingsley, on December 14, 2013 and executed on December 17, 2013 with the assistance of his younger brother, Matthew."

According to him, other suspects involved were Chukwunonso Onuzulike from Enugu State and a 23-year-old fresh graduate of

Political Science from Odumegwu Ojukwu University, who is the leader of *Black Axe Confreternity* in the campus and Gabriel Nnaji, a 400-level student of public administration from the same university, also from Enugu State.

Kingsley Madueke told *Vanguard* at the headquarters of DSS that he planned to kidnap his grandmother because he and his brother were finding things difficult financially in school because their father was having family problems with their uncle who has stopped assisting them in school.

"I felt that the only way to get money from my uncle was by kidnapping our grandmother," he said, adding that it never mattered to him that the woman was too old to bear the trauma of kidnapping.

Also paraded, yesterday, were four other kidnap suspects who abducted Mr. Leo Ilozumba, the Special Assistant to the Anambra State Commissioner for Works.

The suspects, Nnamdi Emelife, Emmanuel Nweke, Peter Obiorah and Samuel Akpu, who returned from South Africa recently where he was a barber, confessed collecting N1 million as ransom for the release of Ilozumba.

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million from one Cajetan Okekearu.

At the hearing in the matter, yesterday, before Justice Mohammed Yunusa, the prosecution informed the court that the accused could not be produced in court due to some logistic challenges and prayed the court to adjourn the arraignment till today.

Defence counsel did not oppose the application for adjournment, consequently, the trial judge ad-

journd till today for the accused proper arraignment.

Ojikutu was alleged to have committed the offence by pretending to have a plot of land at Lekki Phase 1, to sell to Okekearu.

The offence, the police said, is punishable under section 8 (a) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other related offences Act, Cap. A6, laws of the federation, 2004.