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Kidnap, murder: Court reserves judgement against banker Monday

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ONITSHA – An Otuocha High Court in Anambra State, presided over by Justice G. C. Anunude has reserved judgement till Monday, June 16, in a three-count charge of conspiracy, kidnap and murder brought against a staff of United Bank for Africa, UBA Plc, Ogboefere (Cooking utensils) market branch, Bridge-head, Onitsha, Jude Onwuzulike.

The police had in 2013, arraigned Onwuzulike before the court, accusing him of conspiring with others now at large to kidnap and murder one Chinwuba Ekwenze, a motor spare parts dealer at Nkpor, near Onitsha. The court had earlier fixed last Wednesday for judgement but because the presiding judge went to Abuja on a seminar, the judgement date was shifted to Monday.

According to the charge, Onwuzulike had on Monday, January 14, 2013, allegedly lured Ekwenze to an unknown destination and murdered him with the assistance of others suspected to be hired killers.

Consequently, the accused person pleaded not guilty to all the charges and was remanded in the Onitsha prison custody, while his trial commenced.

During the trial, about six prosecution witnesses, including the police and the Department of Security Services, DSS who investigated the matter, testified before the court against Onwuzulike.

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