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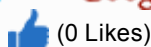
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An FCT High Court sitting in Lugbe has been told how one Clement Davies, who is standing trial in a culpable homicide charge allegedly beat his wife to death on August 8, 2016.

Led in evidence by the prosecuting counsel, Afraabasi Ebong, the witness, Inspector Raymond Isama of the FCT Police Command said the woman fell down and became unconscious after the defendant slapped her. He added that she was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Isama said after the case was transferred from the Apo Police Division to the CID Department, Homicide Section, Davies in his statement said when he came back from office, the door to his house was locked, the wife was not around and nobody was in the house.

The witness said according to the statement “when the wife later came back and opened the door, she immediately left and went back to where she was coming from and Davies said he followed and traced her to where she was heading. When the woman got to her destination, Davies approached her and slapped her on the face, beat her and she fell down.

“She fell down and became unconscious, she was taken to the hospital by the defendant but later confirmed dead by a doctor,” he said.

When Ebong sought to tender the statement made by Davies as evidence, Davies counsel, Banks Akomolafe opposed stating that the statement in question was an extra-judicial statement written by the police, adding that it did not constitute any evidence.

The trial judge, Justice Angela Otaluka in a short ruling admitted the statement as exhibit and adjourned the case until July 12 for further hearing.

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