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Herbalist remanded over death of client after 'gun charm' failed

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A magistrate's court in Katsina has remanded a 45-year-old herbalist in prison over alleged criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide of a man that came to him for anti-gun charm.

Daily Trust gathered that Usman Saidu of Kakumi village in Bakori LGA was approached by the victim, one Aliyu Yahuza, 27, for help with a charm to wade off gun shots around December 22, 2017 at Gobirawa village in Safana Local Government Area.

It was gathered that Saidu subsequently prepared a concoction which the victim drank and a Dane gun was brought to test the efficacy of the charm.

However, immediately the shot was fired by the herbalist, the victim fell down and died in the presence of the crowd that gathered to witness the demonstration.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Ado Sani, told the court that the victim was later rushed to Dutsinma General Hospital where he was confirmed dead.

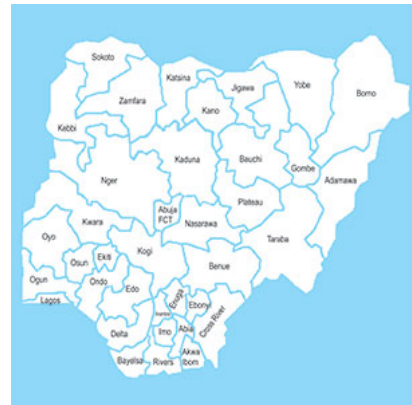
Already, the corpse has been released to the bereaved family for burial, Sani said while pleading with the court for more time to further investigate the matter.

He said the accused is being charge under sections 97 and 222(7) of the Penal Code Law which he said is punishable with death.

The presiding magistrate, Fadila Dikko, said the case was only brought in for mention as the court has no jurisdiction to entertain it.

She thereafter remanded the accused in prison and adjourned the matter to February 22, pending legal advice from the Ministry of Justice.

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