

Alleged murder: Court remands boy, 15, pending legal advice

An Abeokuta magistrate court on Tuesday ordered that a 15-year-old boy be remanded in a correctional centre for allegedly killing a female student.

The police are charging the minor with murder.

Magistrate Dehinde Dipeolu, who did not take the plea of the minor, ordered that he be remanded for 30 days in the Boaster Home Correctional Centre pending legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Dipeolu adjourned the case until July 16 for mention.

Earlier, the prosecution counsel, Insp. Olu-Balogun Lawrence, told the court that the minor committed the offence on Feb. 24 at about 1:30 pm, at Nawair ud-Deen Grammar School area in Abeokuta.

Lawrence said the 15-year-old beat the 14-year-old girl to death.

He said the boy and the deceased were students of Rev. Kuti Memorial Grammar School and Nawiar ud-Deen Grammar school.

Lawrence said the minor accosted the victim on her way home from school and asked her to be his girlfriend but she refused.

"As a result of the beating, the victim was taken to the General Hospital at Ijaye for treatment and was later transferred to the Federal Medical Centre Abeokuta, where she died," he said.

Lawrence said the offence contravened sections 316 and 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Law of Ogun, 2006. (NAN)