

Court sentences three to death by hanging

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JUSTICE Lateef Lawal-Akapo of a Lagos High Court sitting in Ikeja has sentenced three persons, Wasiu Arepo, an aluminum maker, Oluwaseun Idowu, a driver, and Ganiyu Hassan, a student and commercial motorcycle rider to death by hanging.

The judge found them guilty on a four-count charge of armed robbery and murder, contrary to Section 402 2(a) and 319 (1)(a) of Criminal Code Law of Lagos State, 2011. The prosecutor said they committed the offence on February 5, 2011 at Aleke village, Imota at 2a.m.

The convicts were said to have entered the house of their victims, one Mrs. Adjatu Bakare and her husband, Abubakar. They demanded from the husband to produce the money he withdrew from the bank a day before.

In the process, one of the convicts, Arepo, shot Abubakar in the chest after which they ransacked the house and carted away N15,000 cash and other valuables, leaving the victim in his pool of blood. He reportedly died while

being conveyed to the hospital.

During trial, one of the witnesses told the court that two hours after the incident, the convicts were caught in a nearby community where they lived and had gone to hide. At the Imota Police Station, where the case was reported to, the vigilance group in the area and wife of the victim were able to identify one of the convicts, whom she had seen during the robbery operation.

The convicts, however, denied involvement in the incident, claiming that they were at home on the night of the incident. Justice Lawal-Akapo, in his judgment, held that the prosecution had proved beyond doubt that the convicts committed the crime.

"The three accused, agreeing that they slept in the same room on the day of the incident, showed they knew each other and were arrested at the same place at 4.00a.m. on the day of the incident.

"They did not prove that they were somewhere else when the incident happened. They are, therefore, sentenced to death by hanging," the judge pronounced.

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