
Court remands truck pusher for allegedly defiling six-year-old girl

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A 23-year-old truck pusher, Onyebuchi Kelvin, who allegedly defiled a neighbour's six-year-old daughter, was yesterday remanded at the Kirikiri Prisons, Lagos by an Ikeja Magistrates' Court. The Magistrate, Mrs. B.O. Osunsanmi did not take the plea of the defendant.

Osunsanmi ordered that he should be remanded in prison custody pending legal advice from the Lagos State Directorate of Public Prosecutions. Kelvin, who resides at Aguda, Surulere, is being tried for defilement.

The prosecutor, ASP. Ezekiel Ayorinde told the court the defendant committed the offence on August 17, at his residence. He said the defendant had carnal knowledge of his neighbour's daughter.

"The girl was playing at the back of the house when the defendant approached her and quickly had sexual intercourse with her. The girl told her mother what the defendant did to her. A medical report also confirmed that the minor had been defiled. The mother reported the case to the police, leading to the arrest of the defendant," the prosecutor said.



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Ayorinde said that the offence violated Section 137 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. The case was adjourned until October 9, for mention.

Also yesterday, the police arraigned a 55-year-old security guard, Abel Soglo, who allegedly hit a tenant with a pestle on the head, in an Ikeja Chief Magistrates' Court. Soglo, who resides in Aboru, a suburb of Lagos, is charged with assault and causing grievous harm.

The prosecution counsel, Sgt. Kenrich Nomayo told the court that the defendant committed the offences on August 30 at about 1:00a.m. at Okoya Street in Aboru.

Nomayo alleged that the defendant hit the complainant, Mr. Solomon Owolabi, with a pestle on his head and legs when the complainant was returning home from work.

“The defendant accosted the complainant at about 1:00 a.m. and asked where he was coming from. When the complainant told the defendant that he was coming back from work, the defendant who was not satisfied with his explanation, ordered him to lie down and when he refused, the defendant hit him with a pestle,” he alleged.

Nomayo said the offence contravened the provisions of sections 172 and 243 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State 2015, (Revised). However, Soglo pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Chief Magistrate T.A. Ojo admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N100,000 with two sureties in like sum. The magistrate adjourned the case until September 27 for mention.

Meanwhile, an Ebute Metta magistrate's court yesterday charged 12 cult members for allegedly killing one Femi and three unknown others. The suspects were nabbed on August 31 at Ileomi area of Imota in Ikorodu, Lagos by vigilance group members who later handed them over to the police.

The defendants were also charged with membership of an unlawful society, an offence punishable under section 41 of the criminal law of Lagos.



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