

# Court sentences two persons to death in Osun

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An Osun State High Court sitting in Ikirun yesterday sentenced two persons, Orisakunle Abiodun and Opadokun Olayinka to death by hanging.

The convicts alongside Femi Aroyehun, who was discharged and acquitted had been standing trial since January 22, 2018 on a two-count charge of conspiracy to commit murder and murder.

They were accused to have conspired together to murder Adeoye Mathew while returning from work with his friend, Oladipupo Damilare on March 9, 2017 around Babjo Secondary school, Idi Iroko area, Ikirun.

The offences were said to have contravened sections 324 of the Criminal Code Law and 316 (1) Cap 34, Vol. 2, Laws of Osun State.

The prosecution counsel from the Ministry of Justice, Mr. Philips Afolayan had called three (3) witnesses – Oladipupo Damilare, Sergeant Aina Clement and Sergeant Josephine Erokpo to prove his case.

Orisakunle Abiodun was said to have brushed the deceased with a motorcycle he was riding and an argument ensued between them.

In the process, some young men popularly known as “Olowoaiye boys” in the area intervened and took sides with Orisakunle Abiodun. After further altercation between the two sides, Orisakunle and his supporters chased Adeoye Mathew and Oladipupo Damilare who had fled in different directions.

The mob reportedly caught up with the deceased, lynched him, inflicted wounds on his head and left him unconscious.

Residents in the area were said to have reported the attack to the police who came to the scene and evacuated the victim to Araromi Hospital, Ikirun, where he later died on the same day.

Delivering his judgement, Justice Jide Falola said the prosecution counsel had proved his case beyond reasonable doubt and thereby sentenced Orisakunle and Opadokun to five years imprisonment for conspiracy and death by hanging for murder.

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