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Murder: Court insists doctor has case to answer

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A Yaba Magistrate's Court in Lagos on Monday held that a 35-year-old Medical Doctor, Edeye Monday, had a case to answer over his alleged complicity in the death of a 22-year-old pregnant woman, Tolani Aderoju.

The Police Prosecutor, Inspector Godwin Anyanwun, had while arraigning Monday in court on July 31, 2012, averred that the accused had on May 29, 2012, injected Aderoju with some unknown drugs, while attempting to abort her pregnancy.

He told the court that Aderoju's mother, in her complaint, said her daughter had informed her that she was pregnant for one Mufutau Alonge, who took her to a private clinic run by the accused to procure an abortion.

However, the prosecutor said that after injecting Aderoju with the drugs, the accused could not terminate the pregnancy following which he rushed her to another hospital, where she died.

Anyanwun said that the offence contravened Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011 punishable with a death sentence.

But the court adjourned the matter till November 25 to await the advice of the State Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on the matter, while it ordered that the accused be remanded in prison custody.

At the resumed hearing of the case on Monday, the Magistrate, Mrs Adekorede Ajibade, said the DPP had established a prima facie case of unlawful killing against the accused and ordered that the case file be transferred to the High Court for trial.

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