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Minor in court for killing friend

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A minor has appeared before an Ebute Metta Chief Magistrate in Lagos for allegedly killing his friend.

According to report, the deceased, also a minor, went to check on the accused (name withheld), at his place of apprenticeship when an argument broke out between them.

The argument started when the deceased chose to put off a standing fan, which was causing distraction to the work of his apprentice friend who was said to be trimming papers and stacking them on the table, with the fan scattering the papers.

The argument generated into a fight with the accused infuriated and allegedly stabbed his friend in the stomach.

On sighting the victim falling and wriggle in pain, he started screaming for help and then passersby and neighbours swiftly responded and hurriedly took him to the nearest hospital where he gave up, due to the depth of the stab, report said.

According to the charge, the crime took place at 13,

Rufai Street, Shomolu on June 15 at about 8:15pm

Meanwhile the prosecutor, DSP Nkankuk, told the court that the action of the accused was an offence punishable under Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.”

The Magistrate, Mrs. Demi Ajayi, in a short ruling, held that the minor be remanded in boys’ Corrective Centre while adjourning the matter to August 6.

Also in a related development, three men with names given as Awalu suraju, Ashiru Sanibaba, Abdullahi Saidu with others now at large were ordered to be remanded by an Ebute Metta Magistrate Court over alleged murder of one Sango Mohammed, at Alaba Market, Mile 12.

The crime, according to the prosecutor, happened on the 28th day of May at about 9pm.

The accused allegedly attacked the deceased with dangerous weapon and cut him severely to death.

The charge reads thus, the accused; “did unlawfully kill one Sango Mohammed, aged 28-years by given him machet cuts all over his body and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos.”

In the ruling, the magistrate, Mr F.J Adefioye granted the prosecutor’s application of remand of the accused in police custody pending the advice of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

He adjourned the matter for 11 August.

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