Suspect Says He Saw Goat When Killing Wife

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AKURE – Oluwatubosun Dahunsi, 63, on Wednesday told a Magistrate's court sitting in Akure, Ondo State capital, that he was killing a goat when he was actually stabbing his wife, Funmilayo.

The suspect is facing a one-count charge of murder before Chief Magistrate, Charity Adeyanju.

He was accused of killing his wife with a machete on October 5, 2019 at about 6:30 a.m. at Ita-Ipele Camp, via Owo, in Owo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Asked whether his wife shouted for help when he first struck her and why he didn't stop at hearing her cry, the accused answered that "She cried for help. But at the point of cutting her, her cry sounded like that of a goat. So, I thought I was actually killing a goat. It was after killing her that my eyes became clear and I ran away.

"I don't understand how it all happened. Please have mercy on me."

Dahunsi had no legal representation, but pleaded for mercy, saying it dawned on him what he had done after killing his wife.

He said, "We only had quarrel over our children's school fees. I never knew when I matcheted her. It was after she died that I realised what I had done. Please have mercy on me and help me beg my children."

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He revealed his wife had five children for him and the eldest child, who was present in court is 22-year- old, while the youngest is eight years old.

The charge sheet reads, "You, Dahunsi Oluwatubosun, on October 5, 2019 at about 6:30am at Ita-Ipele Camp via Owo in the Ondo Magistrate District unlawfully matcheted your wife, Funmilayo Dahunsi, on her two hands, head, stomach, neck and her jaw with cutlass to death and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 316 and punishable under section 319(1) of the Criminal Code Cap. 37 Volume 1 Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006."

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However, the police prosecutor, Sergeant, Suleiman Abdulateef, told the court he filed an application for the remand of the accused person in prison custody pending the advice from the office of the Director for Public Prosecution (DPP).

The application was granted by the Chief Magistrate, Mrs. Charity Adeyanju and the accused was ordered to be remanded at the Olokuta Prison Correctional Center, pending the advice from the DPP.

The case was, however, adjourned till January 13, 2020.