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Murder Suspect Gets Bail

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A Lagos Chief Magistrate's Court in Ebute-Metta, has granted bail to a man, Babatunde Adeyemo, 30, who was accused of murder.

Adeyemo was arraigned before the court on a one-count charge of murder.

The police alleged that the suspect killed Njideka Favour Anyiaka by giving her fist blows which resulted in her death, on July 5, at Shoba, Abule-Addo, area of Lagos state.

The prosecutor, Ishola Samuel, a police corporal told the court that the offence contravenes Section 221 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State

of Nigeria, 2011 and applied to court for the remand of the accused pending legal advice from the office of Director of Public Prosecution, DPP.

But the defence counsel Chief Kayode Bello, objected to the prosecutor's application, arguing that the prosecution had failed to cite reasons why Adeyemo should be remanded in its application and therefore applied for bail for his client pending the outcome of the DPP's advice on the matter.

While ruling on the matter, the presiding magistrate, Mr. F. J. Adefioye, said though, he has no power to grant bail to a murder suspect, he was convinced by the submission of the defence counsel that the prosecution failed to cite reasons for applying for the remand of Adeyemo.