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A 25-year-old pastor, Samson Bamgbose, was on Monday arraigned before an Abeokuta Chief Magistrates' Court, Isabo, for allegedly causing the death of a church member who drowned during spiritual bath.

Bamgbose, a pastor at the Celestial Church of Christ, Alaapa, is facing a one-count charge of negligence.

The police prosecutor, ASP Paul Etusi, told the court that the offence was committed on Aug. 15 at about 3.00 p.m. at Ogun River, Alaapa Village, Abeokuta.

He said the accused took some church

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members, including the deceased, Toheeb Odusanya, 13, to the river for spiritual bath.

"Bangbose took the little boy to the river without his parent's consent. He did not take the necessary precaution and allowed the boy to drown," the prosecutor said.

Etusi said the offence contravened section 344 of the Criminal Code of Ogun, 2006.

The accused, however, pleaded not guilty.

The Magistrate, Mr Anthony Araba, granted the accused bail in the sum of N200,000 with one surety in like sum and adjourned the case to Oct. 2. (NAN)



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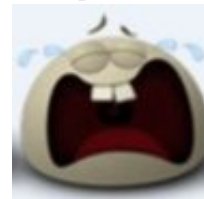
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