Farmer Kills Debtor Over N12,000

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A 40-year-old farmer, Alade Ejeh of Dongari village, Via Ballah, Kwara State, has allegedly killed a man after hitting him with wood over a debt of N12, 000.

Consequently, Eje has been arraigned before an Ilorin Magistrate's Court on a one-count charge of culpable homicide, which contravenes section 221 of penal code law.

Men of the state Police Command arrested the accused following a report on October 28, 2014 at Afon divisional headquarters by one Ajadi Aliu of Tambo village Via Ballah, Asa Local Government Area, that the accused killed one Olaide Ganiyu.

According to the complainant, while he and his sons were working on their charcoal farm, the accused, who happened to be his labourer, came and requested for the money which he (complainant) owed him for making ridges in his farm.

The complainant stated that he pleaded with the accused to be patient pending the time he will sell his charcoal, which he (accused) refused and started fomenting trouble.

The Police First Information Report (FIR)

stated that investigation conducted at the department of criminal investigation, Ilorin, revealed that in the process of preventing the accused from fighting with the complainant, the accused intentionally picked a wood and hit the deceased on the forehead.

The FIR added that the victim was rushed to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Ilorin where he gave up the ghost.

It added that the accused took to his heels immediately he committed the devilish act before he was later arrested by the youths in the community.

The prosecutor, Corporal Sanni Abdullahi, who told the court that investigation into the matter was yet to be completed, objected to the bail of the accused and urged the court to remand him in prison custody pending the outcome of investigation.

The trial magistrate, Mrs. M. B. Magaji, agreed with the submission of the prosecutor and ordered that the accused be remanded at the federal prison, Oke-Kura, Ilorin, pending the outcome of investigation and adjourned the case till November 17, 2014, for further mention.



L-R: Group managing director, Nanet Suits Hotel, Dr Ini Akpabio; Ekiti State governor, Dr Ayodele Fayose and Special Assistant to the Governor on Legal Matters, Barrister Owoseni Ajayi, during the governor visit to Ekiti liaison office, in Abuja yesterday.

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