

My Girlfriend Was A Drunk, But I Did Not Kill Her, Suspect Tells Court

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A 30-year-old fruit seller, Murtala Magaji, on Monday denied being responsible for the death of his girlfriend, Adama Idris, whom he described as habitual drunk.

Magaji is being tried before an FCT High Court, Kubwa, for allegedly killing Idris.

Led in evidence by his counsel, Mrs Olaide Akinseye-George, Magaji said he was not responsible for her girlfriend's death.

Magaji said he lived with the deceased for five years and had over the years tried to stop her from excessive drinking.

The accused said the deceased was also into hard drugs, which he believed she took a day before she died.

"That day, after she finished cooking around 8 p.m., she told me that she was going out to buy something and that she would be back soonest; but she didn't

return until around past 10 p.m.

"As she approached me, I noticed a wound on her forehead; she was also drunk and continued to stagger.

"I ushered her into the house and reminded her that we had an earlier agreement that she would stop drinking and taking drugs.

"I made it clear to her that she had refused to keep to her promise; as such, I was not happy.

"I then brought the food and we both ate and slept off," he said.

Magaji said that he woke her up around 4:30 a.m., when he was about to pray.

"She told me that she had a headache and wanted a pain reliever, which I promised to buy.

"At about past 7:00a.m., that morning, while going about my business in the market, police officers came to arrest me and took me to Zuba Police Station.