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## 'I stabbed him without intention to kill him'

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A murder accused has told a Yaba Magistrate's Court that he did not commit the offence intentionally.

Thirty-two year old Ayo Oyewole is being tried for the alleged murder of Saheed Lawal by Magistrate A.O. Ajibade. He was alleged to have committed the offence on January 13, at 3pm at Abule Agbede, Alade Market, Ikeja.

He said: "Saheed is my friend although he is much younger than I am. We also enjoyed ourselves together at Alade Market. I do not believe he is dead. I did not mean to kill him, I was just angry because he was insulting me."

Prosecuting Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Felix Ifijen told the court that Oyewole killed Lawal by stabbing him on the neck with a broken bottle.

He said the two are "area boys" (miscreants) who smoked Indian hemp together at Abule Agbede.

Ifijen said while smoking, an argument ensued between Oyewole and the late Lawal and the defendant stabbed him.

According to the prosecutor, the offence contravened Section 221 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos, 2011.

Oyewole's plea was not taken as the court "lacks the jurisdiction to hear the matter."

Magistrate Ajibade ordered that the case file be copied to the Director, Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice.

She remanded Oyewole in prison and adjourned the matter till February 22.

## Woman 'kills man over N100'

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A 25-year-old woman, Antonia Afolabi, was yesterday arraigned before a Yaba Magistrate's Court for allegedly killing a 20-year-old man over N100.

Prosecuting Inspector Godwin Anyanwu told Magistrate M. A. Ladipo that the offence was committed on January 14, about 8pm inside Boundary Market, Ajegunle.

He said the defendant, who trades in second-hand clothes, conspired with another person now at large, to kill Emeka Ibekwe.

"The deceased bought two T-shirts from the defendant and when one of the shirts did not size him, he returned it. Instead of refunding his money, the defendant asked him to go and come back for another T-shirt but this did not go down well with the deceased. Disagreeing with the defendant's offer, the deceased decided to take a short instead but Mrs. Afolabi insisted that the deceased must give her N100 to take the short," said Anyanwu.

"The duo started arguing over the N100 and a struggle ensued. The defendant at this point, called her relations who were in the market and they gathered to beat up the deceased. One of her relations, at large picked a plank and hit the deceased on his head, leading to his death," Anyanwu added.

The prosecutor said the offence contravened Sections 231 and 221 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos, 2011.

Magistrate Ladipo ordered that the defendant be remanded in prison, adding that the case file should be duplicated to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for legal advice. She adjourned the matter till March 6.