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Teenager remanded in prison for 'killing' friend

AN Ebute Metta Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos yesterday remanded Oluwatobi Olukoya, 19, in prison custody for allegedly hacking his friend to death with machete.

Chief Magistrate A.O. Ajibade ordered that the accused, who is charged with murder, be remanded at Ikoyi Prisons, pending the legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the plea of Olukoya, who lives at 38, Lagos Road, Epe, was not taken.

Prosecuting Inspector Gbemileke Agoi told the court that the offence was committed last October 25 around 10am at Popo Oba Street in Epe, Lagos.

He alleged that the accused and the deceased, Laja Adebayo, 18, had a misunderstanding over an undisclosed matter.

"Olukoya, thereafter, picked up a machete which he used to hack the deceased to death," he said.

Agoi noted that the offence contravened Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011, which prescribes death sentence for convicts.

Chief Magistrate Ajibade adjourned the case till March 2.

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