

Trader beats neighbour to death

A 45-year-old trader, Mariam Abu, has been arraigned before an Ebute Metta Magistrate's Court, Lagos, for killing one of her neighbours, Elizabeth Godspower Ijagbedia, during a scuffle.

Mariam was said to have beaten Elizabeth to death at their residence at 8, Olaniyi Street, Iyalode Bus Stop, Ilogbo area of Ajagbadi, Lagos.

It was said that Elizabeth died on June 21, 2016, as a result of the beatings she received from Mariam.

The charge reads in part: "That you Mariam Abu 'f' on the June 21, 2016 at about 4pm at No 8, Olaniyi Street Iyalode Bus Stop, Ilogbo, Ajagbadi Lagos in the Lagos magisterial district, did unlawfully kill one Elizabeth Godspower Ijagbedia 'f' by giving her blow all over her body and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

Police prosecutor, Sergeant Maria Dauda applied that the

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accused be remand in prison custody pending legal advice from the Directorate of Public

Prosecution (DPP).

The defence counsel, Spurgeon Ataene, opposed the remand application.

He argued that Section 264; sub section 1 and 2 of Administrative Criminal Justice of Nigeria (ACJN) gives the court jurisdiction to look at circumstances of the matter in granting bail to his client.

The presiding magistrate, Mrs Fowowe Erunsiafe admitted the accused to bail on grounds that there was no physical marks or wound on the deceased.

The accused was granted bail in the sum N200,000 with two sureties in like sum.

The case was adjourned to December 14 pending the receipt of DPP's advice.