

Applicant 'stabs man to death'

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AN Ebute Meta Chief Magistrates' Court has remanded a 27-year-old man, Bolaji Oyelaran, in Ikoyi prison for alleged murder.

Oyelaran, who hails from Ogbomoso, Oyo State, allegedly stabbed 22-year-old Ibrahim Hassan with a knife on his chest.

The accused has a National Diploma (ND) from Lagos State Polytechnic. It was said he conspired with Lucky and two others at large on June 27, 2012 around 10pm at Meiran, Lagos, to commit the crime.

His plea was not taken.

Part of the charge read:

"That you, Bolaji Oyelaran and others at large, on the same date, time and place, in Lagos magisterial district, did kill one Ibrahim Hassan, 22 by stabbing him with a knife on his chest and thereby committed an offence, punishable under Section 221 of the Criminal Law

of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2015."

Prosecuting Sergeant Olatunde Kehinde said the deceased and his friend Azeez were walking on Meiran road when the accused attacked and stabbed him to death.

"Bolaji attacked the deceased and stabbed him. After the incident in 2012, he relocated to 23, Gidado Estate, Egbeda until his arrest in January 2017," the prosecutor said.

Defence counsel Bisi Oyinloye said the accused was a victim of circumstances, who was trying to separate the deceased and some thugs while fighting.

Magistrate Folarin Williams remanded the accused pending advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Williams adjourned the matter till March 30.

Man accused of raping