

Guard charged with 'killing colleague'

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A security guard, Victor Ojiakor, who allegedly shot dead his colleague, was at the weekend remanded at Ikoyi Prisons on the orders of an Ebute Meta Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs. O.A. Adegbite, who gave the ruling, directed that the case file be duplicated and a copy forwarded to the state Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for advice.

Ojiakor, 27, who lives at Plot 8, Road H, Ilupeju Estate, Ijede in Ikorodu, Lagos State is facing a two-count charge of illegal possession of firearms and murder.

He pleaded not guilty.

Police prosecutor Julius Babatope said the offences were committed on February 11 at 3:30 pm at a sand dredging site at Obadore Waterfront in Lagos.

He told the court that the accused allegedly shot his colleague, Frank Augustine, 28, in the stomach with a pump action rifle while trying to secure the dredger.

About 16 live cartridges were found in possession of the accused, Babatope alleged.

The offences contravene sections 223 and 330 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The case was adjourned till April 16.