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Customer 'kills' bartender over bottle of beer

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A Yaba Chief Magistrates' Court, yesterday directed that a 35-year-old man, Bakare Akeem, who allegedly killed a bartender over a bottle of beer, be remanded in Kirikiri Maximum Prisons.

Magistrate Oluwatoyin Oghere gave the order after the accused pleaded not guilty.

Akeem allegedly used a plank to hit the bartender on the head.

Prosecuting Sergeant Modupe Olaluwoye said the accused committed the offence on June 26, at Sunrise bar on Surulere Street, Agege, Lagos.

Olaluwoye alleged that the deceased, Eguzouwa Ikechukwu, had tried to separate a fight between the accused and another bartender.

"My Lord, the accused had refused to pay for a bottle of beer he took at the bar, which resulted in a fight between him and another bartender. The deceased had stepped in to break up the fight, when the accused used a plank to hit his head.

"He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead by a doctor," Olaluwoye said.

Magistrate Oghere ordered that the case file be sent to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), for advice.

She adjourned till September 19.













