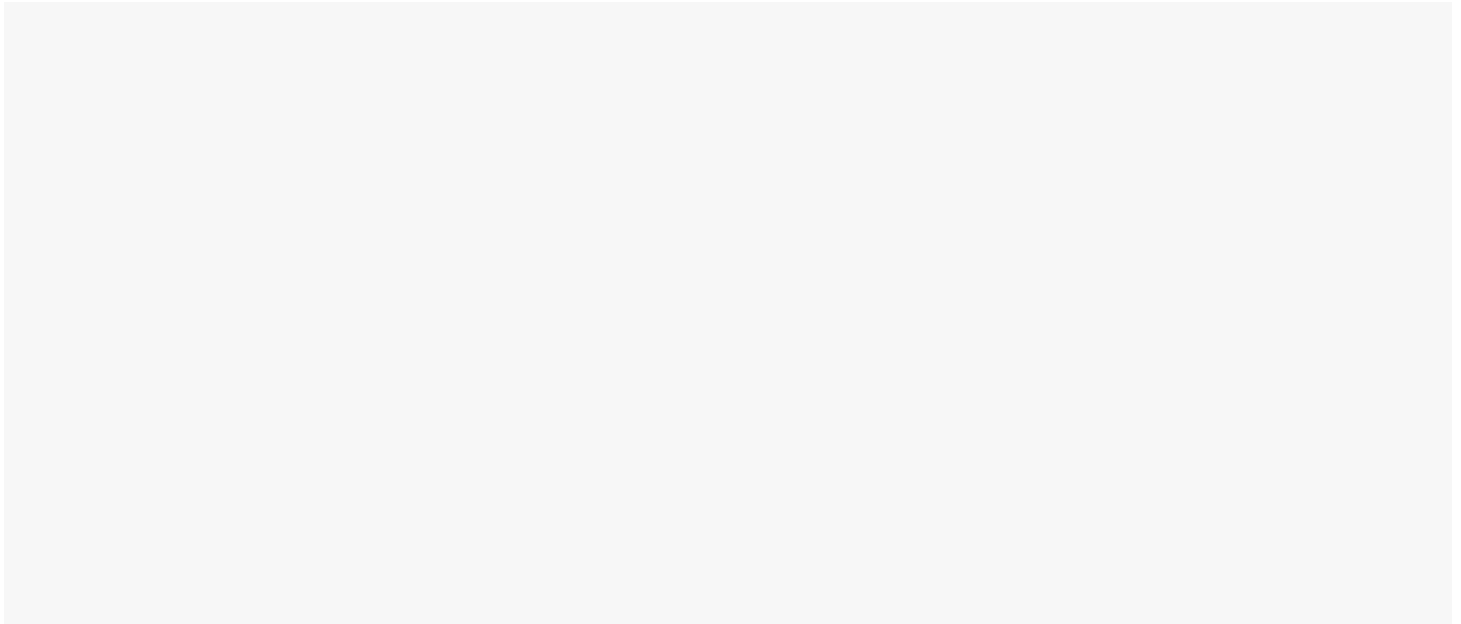


Suspected cultists arraigned for Neighbourhood man's murder



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An Ebute-Meta Magistrates' Court in Lagos on Tuesday remanded in prison custody two suspected cultists, Monday Obasi and Yekini Moshood, charged with murder.

Obasi, 35 and Moshood, 34 were accused of killing a Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps officer (LNSC), Monsuru Bolaji.

Chief Magistrate A.O. Salawu ordered that the defendants should be kept in Ikoyi Prison pending advice from the office of the Lagos State Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

She made the order following an application by the State Criminal Intelligence Investigation Department (SCIID) Panti, Yaba, Lagos.

The application was based on a temporary two-count charge of conspiracy and kidnapping contrary to Sections 223 and 233 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The defendants' pleas were not taken.

Salawu adjourned till July 11.

Earlier, prosecuting Inspector Kehinde Olatunde alleged that the defendant committed the offences at about 9pm on February 21, at a bar in Aguda, Surulere, Lagos.

Olatunde said on the day of the incident, Bolaji was on night duty and was preparing to resume work.

A five-man gang of cultists, including the defendants, ambushed him as left home to join a patrol van that would take him and his colleagues to their duty posts.

They opened fire at Bolaji but he fled towards Umunede Bar, on Mallam Isah Close, Aguda, Surulere.

They continued shooting and match enthusiasts, who were watching the Champions League match between Manchester United and Sevilla in the bar, fled.

The hoodlums eventually caught up with him, shot and stabbed him, before fleeing. He was rushed to a hospital in the community, where he was confirmed dead on arrival.



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