Ogun murder suspect jailed for drug dealing in Lagos



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The Federal High Court sitting in Lagos has sentenced a man wanted for alleged kidnapping and ritual murder in Ogun State, Bamgbose Osho, to three years imprisonment for drug dealing in Lagos.

Justice Ayokunle Faji convicted Osho on Thursday, May 11, for unlawful dealing in Cannabis Sativa, popularly called Marijuana.

This followed his arraignment by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on two counts of unlawful dealing in 1 kilogramme of, and unlawful possession of 3.3 kilogrammes of the psychoactive drug.

According to a police letter to the NDLEA seen by The Nation, Osho, also known as Lebo, was declared wanted by the Ogun State Police Command in 2020.

He was alleged to have led a six-man gang that kidnapped and killed a housewife, Mrs. Memunatu Akinde, and a commercial motorcyclist, Mr. Ibikunle Ajose, at Owoyele Abisoye, in Doleyin community, Ado-Odo Ota, Ogun State, on October 1, 2020.

Osho and his gang were also alleged to have dismembered the victims' bodies and sold the parts to a herbalist for rituals.

His co-accomplices were arrested while Osho fled and remained at large, following which the Command declared him wanted.

On October 22, NDLEA operatives apprehended Osho at his home on No 4, Bandu Street, Ikoga, Badagry, with 4.3 kilogrammes of Marijuana.

The anti-narcotics agency arraigned him for drug dealing before Justice Faii.

The offences were said to contravene Sections 11(c) and 19 of the NDLEA Act of 2004.

Osho pleaded guilty.

His counsel, Julius Ajibulu, prayed the court to temper justice with mercy in sentencing his client, saying Osho was a first-time offender, who – by admitting his guilt – had not wasted the court's time.

But prosecution counsel Femi Adebayo opposed him and urged the court to apply the full weight of the law on the defendant.

According to Adebayo, the convict aggressively attacked NDLEA operatives with dangerous weapons, during his arrest.

The prosecutor also informed the court that the convict had been declared wanted for kidnapping and murder by the Ogun State Police Command.

Justice Faji sentenced Osho to three years imprisonment.