

# 'How septuagenarian was raped to death'

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① **A**N Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court yesterday heard how Jelili Lawal allegedly raped a 78-year-old woman to death.

Led in evidence by Lagos State counsel, Ms Bukola Okeowo, an Investigative Police Officer (IPO), ASP Babatunde Ashifat, told the court that he was assigned the case for investigation on January 2, 2019.

The witness told the court that the victim, who had problem with her ears, had been declared missing by her family.

The witness said the old woman was with the defendant on January 1, 2019, at Maryland bus stop in Lagos State, where she told him to help her locate her residence.

He said: "The defendant gave her N500, and they boarded the same bus.

"On getting to a bus stop, the

defendant told her to come down, took her to an uncompleted building in a bushy area, assaulted and raped her at night.

"The victim was crying for help when two women heard her and caught the defendant in the act."

He said the women called the attention of a policeman on night patrol, who arrested the defendant.

The IPO said the victim sustained injuries from the rape and later died from excessive bleeding due to the rape.

"The victim was bleeding from her private parts and I gave a medical form for her to be taken to Mirabel Medical Centre.

"The doctor, who examined her, confirmed that there was forceful penetration into her private parts."