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Man to die by hanging for killing roommate in Ondo



The Akure Division of the **Ondo State** High Court has sentenced a middle-aged man, Sunday Omoniyi, to death by hanging for killing his roommate, Michael Oyebanji.

Justice Williams Rotimi Olamide delivered the judgment after finding Omoniyi guilty of stabbing Oyebanji in the chest during a dispute over shutting a door.

The incident occurred on July 23, 2022, at No. 4, Canaanland, Ijoka Road, in Akure South Local Government Area.

A witness, Ismaila Adefaka, who is also a landlord to both men, told the court that he heard unusual noises from Omoniyi's room and found Oyebanji lying in a pool of blood.

The victim was later confirmed dead at the hospital.

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Two co-tenants, Gift Adedeji and Opeyemi Adedugbe, testified that the men had argued over shutting the door earlier that morning but appeared to have settled the matter before the stabbing occurred.

They said they returned to the room after hearing Oyebanji's voice and saw Omoniyi holding a blood-stained knife.

Police prosecutor Fisayo Oladepo informed the court that Omoniyi confessed to the killing in a statement after his arrest.

Oladepo said the offence was contrary to section 316 and punishable under section 319 of the Criminal Code, Cap 37, Vol. 1, Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria 2006.

Justice Olamide held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and sentenced Omoniyi to death by hanging.