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Herdsman remanded in prison over murder charge

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A Fulani herdsman, Tambaya Ladan, has been arraigned in a Magistrates' Court, Iyaganku, Ibadan, Oyo State over the murder of one Babuga Alhaji Bande who was macheted to death at Budo Musa in Iwere-Ile, Oyo State on September 11, 2014.

Ladan was charged with conspiracy and murder in Magistrate Court 5, presided over by Magistrate O.A. Idowu,

and was ordered to be remanded in prison custody while waiting for legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Ladan was arrested by policemen from Iwere Ile division after one Wakil reported at the police station that he had killed Bande. Crime Reports gathered that the deceased and other Fulani boys were at Budo Musa on the fateful day and drank till about 1a.m.

All of them were reported to have gone to sleep in one room belonging to Bande close to Kara in the community. Not quite long after the young men retired to bed, a quarrel reportedly broke out, prompting a member of the group to seek quietness outside.

Suddenly, another one of them was said to have exclaimed: 'Tambaya has macheted Babuga', after which everyone took to his heels. The father of the deceased went in and saw his son in a pool of blood, already dead. Based on the report, detectives from the police station visited the scene of incident, after which Ladan's father was invited to inquire from him the whereabouts of his son who also fled with others.

The boy was said to have shown up later and was promptly arrested. Crime Reports learnt that shortly before his murder, Bande was accused of stealing handset and money belonging to one Yashi, who is also at large.

However, Tambaya insisted that he did not have a hand in the death of Babuga. He also claimed that he did not even sleep in the same house with the deceased, not to talk of killing him.

According to Tambaya, "I believe the deed was done by Yashi because it was his phone and money that were stolen."

It was gathered that Ladan had been remanded in prison custody twice before his latest arrest for stealing a cow and robbing someone he waylaid.

The case was adjourned till October 20, 2014.