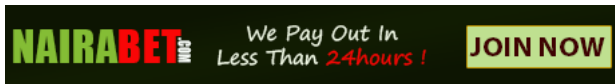


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A 39-year-old man, Sergeant Ogunowa Ojo, has been remanded in prison over alleged murder.

Ojo, who was formerly a Police officer in the Lagos State Police Command, was posted on duty at Frajend Investments Nigeria Limited, Akodo, where he serves as a guard.

The incident occurred on February 3, at the Shapati area, Elemo Ajah.

Ojo was accused of killing a 45-year-old man, Taye Akande by allegedly shooting the deceased on his buttocks, using his AK 47 rifle.

Ojo pleaded guilty before an Ebute Metta Magistrate Court stating that, it was an accident.

"I was just on duty and the owner of the building had instructed that he did not want anybody sitting on the fence, but most times, neighbours come around and sit there. After series of warnings, on this fateful day, I got into an argument with them and as a security man, I brought out my gun to scare them but one of them (the deceased) engaged me in a fight and started dragging with him. Suddenly, the gun cocked and hit him in his buttocks," he explained.

According to him, he was thereafter rushed to the General Hospital Akodo where he later died.

Ojo has since been dismissed from the Lagos State Police force.

His offence is punishable under Section 221 of the criminal law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2011.

The Magistrate, Mrs H.O. Omisore adjourned the continuation of the trial to March 9.

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