

Landlady accused of killing tenant, lands in court

A Yaba Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos State, on Monday, ordered that a 40-year-old landlady, Yinka Martins, accused of killing her tenant, be remanded in Ikoyi Prison pending legal advice from the state Directorate of the Public Prosecution (DPP).

Chief

Magistrate,

Oluwatoyin Oghere, who gave the order, adjourned the case till April 10.

The police charged the defendant with two counts of conspiracy and murder, according to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Sergeant Modupe Olaluwoye, told the court that the defendant committed the offence

on February 13, at 11:30 p.m., at 6, Odunsi Street, Bariga.

She alleged that the deceased, Mrs Mojisola Idayat, who was a tenant to the defendant, had given the landlady's son, who was ill, some food to eat, so that he could take his medication.

Olaluwoye said that the defendant later accused the deceased of giving her son

leftover food to eat which resulted in an argument.

"My lord, the defendant killed her tenant for giving her ill son food to eat. She beat the deceased to death with a plank, accusing her of giving her son leftover food.

"The defendant's other tenants were present at the time of the incident and we intend to call them as our

witnesses," she said.

She said that one of the tenants, Mr Rasheed Arewale, called the deceased's husband when it happened; and he reported the case at the police station.

The offence, he said, contravened the provisions of sections 233 and 223 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015 (Revised).

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