

## Driver who strangled 76-year-old employer's wife to death after stealing \$754 remanded in prison

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A 33-year-old driver, Olanekan Hammed has been remanded in prison custody for allegedly stealing the sum of \$754 and killing his employer's wife, one Mrs Jolasun Okusanya, 76, in Lagos State.

Hammed was arraigned

on a two-count charge of stealing and murder before Justice Mojisola Dada of an Ikeja Special Offences Court, Lagos.

The driver was alleged to have stolen the sum of N950,000 and \$117 from his employer's master's bedroom.

In an attempt to escape, he strangled his employer's wife (Mrs Okusanya) to death.

The state prosecutor, Mrs O. R Ahmed-Muili said that the defendant allegedly committed the offence on December 3, 2018 at about 12:30 p.m., at Plot 33, Qwukori Crescent, Alaka Estate Lagos.

The prosecutor said that the offences contravened Sections 287 and 223 of the Criminal laws of Lagos State,

2015.

According to the charge sheet, Hammed killed Mrs Okusanya, aged 76, by strangling her to death.

The complainant, one Adetayo Okusanya, said that the defendant sneaked into her parents' bedroom to steal money on the day of the incident.

Adetayo, who is the daughter

of the deceased, said that Hammed, who had worked for the family for over five years, killed her mother after she caught him stealing the said sum of \$754 from their bedroom.

She further told the police at State CIID Panti, Yaba that the defendant immediately fled the scene by jumping over the fence into a nearby

hotel.

The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to both count charges.

Justice Dada thereafter ordered that the defendant be remanded in Kirikiri Maximum Prison pending the determination of his case.

The matter further was adjourned till September 10 for commencement of trial.