

Court remands Oyo park managers for alleged murder of motorcyclist

AN Iyaganku Magistrates' Court sitting in Ibadan on Monday remanded two brothers, Sodiq Hamzat (22) and Taoreed Hamzat (22), for allegedly beating a motorcyclist to death, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

Sodiq and Taoreed, whose address was unknown, were charged on two counts bordering on conspiracy and murder.

The magistrate, Mrs Muni-rat Giwa-Babalola, who did not take the plea of the de-

fendants due to lack of jurisdiction, ordered their remand at the Abolongo Correctional Facility, in Oyo town.

Giwa-Babalola said the remand was pending the outcome of the case file at the Oyo State Ministry of Justice, and adjourned the matter till February 3, 2022, for mention.

Sodiq and Taoreed are officials of the Oyo State Park Management System.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Oluseye Akinola, told the court that the defendants al-

legedly conspired to commit the offence of murder.

Akinola said Sodiq and Taoreed on November 10, at about 12 noon at Queen Cinema area, Adamasingba, Ibadan, unlawfully caused the death of one motorcyclist, 25-year-old Dare Ojo.

"The motorcyclist was allegedly beaten to death by the revenue collectors who are officials of the Oyo State Park Management System for allegedly refusing to pay for the N100 daily ticket.

"One of the revenue collectors had allegedly flagged down the motorcyclist and asked him to purchase the N100 daily ticket.

"The refusal of the motorcyclist to pay for the ticket due to shortage of cash made the revenue collectors descend on him," he said.

Akinola said the offence is contrary to Section 316 and punishable under section 319 and 324 of the Criminal Code Cap 38 Vol. II, Laws of Oyo State, 2000.