Prophetess remanded for allegedly killing church member

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A Magistrate's court sitting in Akure, Ondo State, has ordered the remand of 49-year-old General Overseer of a Pentecostal church, Prophetess Serah Abuloye, over the murder of a member of her church.

Abuloye was dragged before the court for her alleged involvement and over the circumstances leading to the death of one Adefunke Aselogbon, whose body was dumped at the back of her church.

Abuloye, the founder of All Saints Development Church of Christ, Igbara-Oke in Ifedore Local Government Area of the state, allegedly killed 37-year-old Aselogbon in a bush behind her church on January 6, 2022.

The Police prosecutor, Obalasa Ajiboye, informed the court that the defendant committed the offence at about 4.00am at Isarun Road, Igbara-Oke in the Ondo State Magisterial District.

The charge read: "That you, Serah Abuloye, did conspire to commit felony, to wit: murder and thereby committed an offence, contrary to and punishable under Section 324 of the Criminal Code, Cap. 37, Vol. 1, Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

"That you, Serah Abuloye and others at large on the same date, time and place in the aforementioned Magisterial District, did kill and dump one Adefunke Aselogbon, aged 37, in a bush at the back of your church and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Cap. 37, Vol. 1, Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006."

The plea of the defendant was not taken.

Ajiboye, therefore made an oral application to remand the defendant in prison custody pending the outcome of advice from the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

He said the body of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary.

Counsel for the defendant, Mrs. Ola Adedire, did not oppose the prosecutor's application.