

Man stabs friend to death over lover, remanded in prison

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A magistrates' court sitting in Akure, Ondo State, has ordered the remand of a 22-year-old man, Money Danlandi, in a correctional centre for allegedly stabbing his friend, Sunday Babaji, to death during a disagreement over a woman.

The prosecutor, Inspector Nelson Akintimehin, told the court that Danlandi committed the offence on May 9, 2022 at about 9.00 p.m., at Badokun Camp, via Ode-Aye, Okitipupa Local Government Area of the state.

According to Akintimehin, the defendant stabbed and killed 25-year-old Babaji after an argument ensued between them.

He said: "The deceased and the defendant had engaged in a fight because the accused had claimed that the deceased was going out with his girlfriend and that he was also bragging to have had carnal knowledge of her.

"In the process, Danlandi stabbed Babaji with a knife

that caused him to bleed to death."

Danlandi, a farm labourer, appeared before the court without a counsel on a murder charge and his plea was not taken.

The charge reads in part: "That you, Money Danlandi 'm' on May 9, 2022 at 9.00 p.m. at Badokun Camp via Ode-Oye in the Ondo State Magisterial District, did kill one Babaji Sunday 'm' 25 years, by stabbing him with a knife in his chest, which led to his death.

"The offence contravenes Section 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 37, Vol. 2, Laws of Ondo State, 2016."

The prosecutor prayed the court to remand the defendant in a correctional centre pending advice from the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP)

The presiding magistrate, Musa Al-Yunus, remanded the accused in the Nigerian Correctional Centre in Olokuta and adjourned the matter till August 25 for mention.