

2 Court remands man for stabbing 23-year-old to death in Lagos

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A high court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos State has remanded one Bitrus Wurawa, for allegedly stabbing a 23-year-old man, Ezekiel Yohana, to death with a jackknife at Kara Market, in Ibeju-Lekki area of the state.

Wurawa was arraigned on April 10 before the magistrate, P.E. Nwaka, on a one-count charge bordering on murder.

The deceased had reportedly took a loan of N14,000 from the defendant in January and promised to refund in few weeks, but failed to do so despite several pleas from the defendant.

They were said to have met at Kara market on the fateful day and Yohana asked for his money.

It was gathered that in the cause of an argument, the deceased brought out a jackknife which the defendant immediately snatched from him and used to stab his back and hand.

Eyewitnesses then rushed the deceased to Epe General Hospital where he was confirmed dead on arrival.

One Omotayo, also an eyewitness, was said to have reported the case to the Akodo Police Division from where it was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Depart-

ment, Panty, Yaba.

The prosecutor, Thomas Nurudeen, stated that the defendant committed the crime on March 8.

He further stated that the offence contravenes Section 222 and is punishable under Section 233 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2015.

The charge reads: "That you, Bitrus Wurawa, on March 18, 2023, around 6:23p.m. at Kara Market, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully kill one Ezekiel Yohana (23) by stabbing him with a jackknife."

Nurudeen urged the court to remand the defendant at a correctional centre pending legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Nwaka, therefore, remanded the defendant at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre pending legal advice from the DPP.

The case was adjourned till May 5.

In a related development, men of the Ondo State police command have arrested a serving soldier with the Nigerian Army, Tope (surname withheld), for allegedly stabbing one Bunmi Omodele in Akure, following a misunderstanding.