

Court remands man who allegedly raped 55-year-old woman to death in Ondo

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A Chief Magistrates' Court, sitting in Oke-Eda, in Akure, the Ondo State capital has ordered the remand of a 35-year-old man, James Emmanuel, for allegedly raping a 55-year-old woman, Mrs Deborah Abiodun, to death.

The accused, Emmanuel,

was arraigned before Magistrate F.A. Aduroja on two counts bordering on murder and rape and was remanded at the correctional centre in Ondo town.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Anwana Josephine, told the court that the suspect committed the offence on January 17 at about 11:00p.m., an offence con-

trary to Section 357 and punishable under Section 358 of the Criminal Code, Cap. 37, Volume 1 Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

The prosecutor explained that the defendant, who is a co-worker of the deceased, committed the offence at a poultry farm located at Oke-Odu area, off Ilere, on Ijare road, Akure.

He explained that Emmanuel, after raping the woman, hit her with a stone on the head and dumped her corpse inside a waste pit.

Meanwhile, the magistrate, in her ruling, ordered that the defendant be remanded at the correctional centre in Ondo town and adjourned the case till March 27.