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Man arraigned for killing father

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A 28-year-old man, Musa Dilla, on Tuesday appeared before a Magistrate's Court in Minna for killing his biological father, Mr. Dilla Enulva.

The accused was alleged to have stabbed his father in the chest and heck with a knife and hit him on his head with a stick before the old man died.

Dilla, during interrogation, accused the father of killing his siblings with the spirit of wizardry.

He said he was the only surviving son of the deceased and that he decided to kill his father to forestall being killed like the other siblings.

The court, presided over by Magistrate Hamza Muazu,

• Students charged with robbery

described the offence committed by the accused as a serious one punishable by death.

He directed that the case file be forwarded to the office of the Director of Public Prosecution for legal advice.

The police prosecutor, Musa Gano, said the offence was not bailable and urged the court to remand the accused in prison custody till the next adjourned date.

The court, therefore, adjourned the case to March 5, 2007.

In another development, five students of some higher institutions in the country have been arraigned before an Osogbo Magistrate's Court for alleged armed robbery.

The charge sheet obtained by our correspondent on Tuesday, accused the students of

conspiring and robbing the late Peoples Democratic Party chieftain, Chief Tony Osanyin, in his home on December 20, 2006.

The students included Olaoluwa Thompson (22); Ibrahim Segun (25); Adepeju Kayode (26); Babarinde Seyi (28) and Adesola Kabiru (27). The other accomplice in the alleged crime was one Abbey Adedayo (48), who is not a student.

Both the prosecution and defence counsel did not make any application as the magistrate, Mrs. Olajumoke Daramola, said her court lacked the jurisdiction to hear a case of armed robbery.

She adjourned the case to March 22, 2007 for mention and ordered that the six suspects be remanded in prison custody.