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Man remanded for killing cousin with pestle

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A1-year-old man, Oodo Jacob, has been remanded in prison custody over an allegation that he killed his cousin, Aleye Asho, by hitting him on the head with a pestle.

An Osogbo Magistrate's Court, which gave the order on Friday, was headed by Magistrate Olalekan ljiyode.

The charge sheet read in the court alleged that the suspect killed his victim by striking him with pestle on the head, an offence contrary to Section 319(1) of the Osun State Criminal Law.

It further stated that the suspect also attempted to kill

the victim's wife, Charity Asho, by hitting her with a pestle.

However, the court could not take the suspect's plea on the first count charge because it lacked jurisdiction over murder cases.

Jacob pleaded not guilty to the second charge of attempting to kill the wife of the deceased.

Police prosecutor, Sgt. Oladoye Joshua, informed the court that the police had sent the case file to the Osun Ministry of Justice for legal advice on the matter.

Ijiyode remanded the suspect in prison custody and adjourned the matter till November 30, 2010.