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Court remands tout for killing driver over N100

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An Ebute Metta Magistrate's Court, Lagos, on Thursday remanded in prison custody a suspected tout, Akeem Abdul, for allegedly killing a commercial bus driver.

The deceased driver, Olaosebikan Oluko, allegedly refused to part with N100 that Abdul demanded from him at Agboyi-Ketu motor park in Lagos on January 2.

The Magistrate, Mr. T. Abolarinwa, ordered that the accused be remanded at the Ikoyi Prison pending the advice from the office of the state Director of Public Prosecutions.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the court did not take Abdul's plea.

He is standing trial before the court on a two-count charge of conspiracy and murder.

The Prosecutor, ASP Jack Asuquo, said that Abdul and others were returning from a party when they entered the motor park and started demanding N100 from commercial bus drivers.

Asuquo said, "Aluko refused to comply with Abdul's demand and a fight broke out and the deceased was pushed. He fell into a gutter and hit his head on a pavement."

"He lost consciousness and was rushed to a hospital where he was confirmed dead. Abdul was subsequently arrested while his accomplices escaped and are still at large."

The prosecutor explained that the accused and his accomplices were not members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers at the motor park.

Asuquo said that the offence contravened sections 319 and 324 of the Criminal Code, Laws of Lagos State.

The case was adjourned till March 23 for further hearing.

In a related development, the police in Zaria, Kaduna State, have arrested a 19-year-old man, who allegedly stabbed one of his friends, Abdullahi Maikano, to death.

An eyewitness, who preferred anonymity, told NAN in Zaria on Thursday that trouble started on Sunday after a wedding ceremony of one of their friends.

He explained that the suspect and the deceased were best of friends before misunderstanding ensued during the horse riding event to honour the newly married couple.

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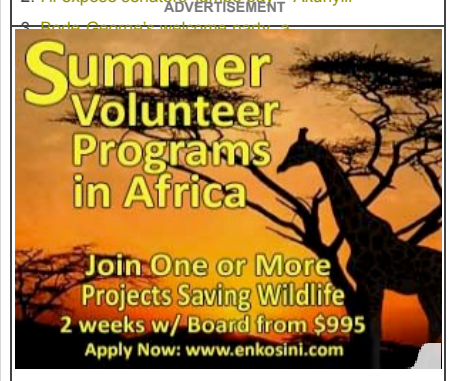


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The witness said that after the exchange of abusive words, the suspect allegedly vowed to kill Maikano and continued stalking him until he accomplished his mission on Monday night.

Confirming the incident to NAN on Thursday, the Area Commander, Zaria, Alhaji Kabir Ibrahim, said investigation into the matter was on.

The suspect also told NAN that he regretted his act and described it as satanic.

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