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March 9, 2012 by Agency Reporter

The proprietor and a teacher of Geometry International

Group of Schools, Modakeke, Osun State, were on Monday remanded in Ile-Ife prison custody for allegedly beating a student to death.

The accused, Odelade Olusegun, 51, and Emmanuel Adedigba, 29, were arraigned before an Osogbo Chief Magistrates' Court on a two-count charge of conspiracy and murder, the News Agency of Nigeria reports.

The police prosecutor, Sgt. Elisha Olusegun, had told the court that the accused "on or before December 15, 2011, at about 11.30 a.m. at Geometry International Group of Schools in Modakeke, conspired and committed murder."

Olusegun alleged that the duo killed Joshua Ajayi, an 18-year-old SSS-3 student of the school by beating him with a cane "which later resulted to his death."

He said the offence contravened Sections 324 and 319 of the state criminal law.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr Adewumi Makanjuola, did not take the plea of the accused, saying that murder cases were beyond the jurisdiction of the court.

The accused counsel, Mr. Ehile Manasseh, requested the transfer of the case to Modakeke Magistrates' Court for the convenience of the parties involved in the case.

Makanjuola directed the prosecutor to send a duplicate of the case file to the office of the Director of Public Prosecution for advice.

"The accused are to be remanded in Ile-Ife prison custody while awaiting the advice of the DPP and subsequent arraignment at the High Court," he said.

He upheld the prayer of the accused counsel and adjourned the case till March 15 for mention at Modakeke Magistrates' Court.

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• *Mao* March 9, 2012 at 2:16 pm

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his death This could  
not be a deliberate

attempt. Though this is very unfortunate.

Post mortem test should be conducted on the corpse to ascertain the actual cause of the death. May the soul rest in peace and I pray God comfort the family.

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*Tadepelu* March 9, 2012 at 3:54 pm

I quiet agree with u. Although an unfortunate incidence, it ought to be a case of manslaughter since it was not a deliberate act. Also, if only the teacher beat the student, why involved the proprietor. This is a big lesson to all

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*Joe Osunbor* March 10, 2012 at 12:12 am

My dear Mao, there's no way the teacher's action could be justified. In simple terms, the teacher involve is not a train teacher period! his action is crude and archaic, others dabbling into that profession should learn from this. Whatever emotions/feelings or lessons you cannot express or inculcate as a teacher by the expression of words, then you don't belong to that profession. Thanks.

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*Josiah Gabriel* March 9, 2012 at 2:47 pm

The law must have to take it's course. Let the accused persons wait for DPP advive.

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*Olu* March 9, 2012 at 2:50 pm

The charge should really be manslaughter and not murder. It's either the guy who wrote the article was mis-informed or the case is set up for a "not guilty verdict". I really feel sorry for the parent of the victim. This same teachers that likes to beat other people's children do not even touch their own children. Sad story!

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*okiemute williams[caleb university, imota, lagos]* March 9, 2012 at 2:53 pm

we live in a modern world now, this issue of beating students with cane or with any other thing should be eliminated. there are some other ways to correct students when they go wrong. based on this matter i suggest that the case should be properly analyzed, due to the fact that the victim might not have died from the effect of the beating but might have been suffering from an illness.

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*Azeezat* March 9, 2012 at 4:20 pm

Wondas shall neva end.just with a cane.

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*Abdulkarim Abubakar Sadiq* March 9, 2012 at 5:31 pm

Oh!i realy pity mr.Propretor and Uncle at Geometry school,i bet that they must have punished there late student in good fate,God will see you through this case,and may the soul of the student rest in peace.

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*Arc. Ajide A.A* March 9, 2012 at 6:07 pm

Well,it is not deliberately.I don't think they should call it murder,maybe manslaughter.They should just temper mercy with justice.@least they which the student well,that was why they are punishing him.I send my condolence to the diseased family.May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.Amin

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*Masombi Ebiko* March 9, 2012 at 6:36 pm

murder is murder which ever way we look at it. Plus Teachers shld be a lot more carefull this days.

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*Ogbe Stephen* March 9, 2012 at 7:21 pm

This is a very serious case. The accused should not be freed. Justice not be served

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*dominion2012* March 9, 2012 at 8:05 pm

may the soul of the student rest in peace teachers should learn their lesson that one way method of discipline student should b minimizes

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*Gibson Sweden* March 9, 2012 at 9:26 pm

@ Arc Ajide AA, correct me if i am wrong that by writing ARC we are supposed to believe you are an architect. It leaves little to hope for as i have seen of your other posts here that what i see in your write up are either mere typo errors or a complete mockery of the title of an architect. Things like these would drive teachers to the edge of their wits and make them flog students to pulp. I am myself a teacher and i abhor the use of the cane in whatever circumstance haven tasted that in my younger

years. These are reasons why our children are less inclined to do well or appreciate being in a school if and when they get beaten for the minutest of reasons just to instill albeit erroneously discipline or knowledge. My students love to come to school and when mistakes are made , they are talked through it and amendments made. The school is complicit for allowing the use of the cane which may or may not have led to death of this young man. The law must take it's course here to serve as a deterrent to others. The proprietor is complicit for owning an establishment where corporal punishment is allowed. The teacher will be complicit if it is established that the young man died as a result of the beating. Lessons must be learnt here. We live in a different age. Full stop!

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• *Akinwale A Anthony* March 9, 2012 at 11:19 pm

Only God knows what has happend to the student that caused d death. Devil will not catch us. Pls allow d law to its right place.

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