Suspected gang leader remanded for murder

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A 40-year-old man, Mudashiru Jamiu, has been remanded at the Ikoyi Prison, for allegedly killing an Ikorodu resident, Tajudeen Jimoh.

Jamiu, also known as 'Jamani', had been declared wanted since March 20, 2013, when he allegedly led an armed attack on Ayetoro Community in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State. He was said to have shot Jimoh with a gun and also wounded him with a cutlass.

Prior to the arrest of the defendant, *PUNCH Metro* had reported how the police arrested and arraigned nine other persons before an Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court, in connection with the crime.

Our correspondent, who followed up on the court proceeding in June 2013, reported that the legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution exonerated five of the suspects and ordered the other suspects to be kept in prison.

The police told the Ebute Meta court that Jamiu actually fired the shot and cut the late Jimoh with cutlass that led to his death.

He was also said to have fired at 12 other persons in the community, who sustained varying degrees of injuries.

The police claimed that the defendant caused the disappearance of a resident, Emmanuel Dada, who was still missing.

He was arraigned on 17 counts of murder, attempted murder and causing disappearance.

The charges read in part, "That you, Mudashiru Jamiu, aka Jamani, and others now at large, on 20 March, 2013 at about 1.30pm, at Aiyetoro via Baiyeku, Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully kill one Tajudeen Jimoh, aged 35 years, by shooting him with a gun and cutting him with cutlass and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011."

His plea was not taken for the murder charges.

The prosecutor, Inspector George Nwosu, applied that the defendant be remanded in prison custody pending legal advice from the DPP.

The magistrate, Mr. Tunbosun Abolarinwa, agreed to remand the defendant in prison custody for the first 30 days permitted by law.

The matter was adjourned till November 6 for DPP's advice.

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