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Ebute Meta Magistrate Court

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An Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court has remanded a 19-year-old woman, Helen Okafor, for allegedly killing one Ajoke Omoyele, 48, with a cooking spoon.

The incident was said to have happened at Abakpasa Street off Imude Road, Otto Awori area of Lagos State.

It was learnt that Okafor and one of the daughters of the deceased had a fight within the neighbourhood over water.

Omoyele was said to have stood between the duo to mediate in the scuffle when Okafor picked the spoon and hit Omoyele's head with it.

The victim allegedly collapsed. It was said attempts to revive her proved abortive, as she later died.

The mother of one was subsequently arrested and arraigned on one count of murder.

The investigating police officer, Anthony Nnadozie, in a remand application filed before the court, said the police recovered an exhibit, adding that there were witnesses ready to testify to the incident.

He however indicated that the defendant did not make any confessional statement to the crime.

The charge read, "That you, Helen Okafor, on November 23, 2013 about 8am, at House 146, Zone 5, Abakpasa Street, off Imude Road, Otto Awori, Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully kill one Ajoke Omoyele, aged 48 years, by hitting her on the head with a cooking spoon and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011."

The defendant's plea was not taken for the offence.

The prosecutor, Inspector George Nwosu, applied for the remand of the defendant in line with Section 264 of the Administration of Criminal Justice, Lagos State, 2011.

Nwosu added that the remand would enable the police conclude investigation and forward the file to the Directorate of Public Prosecution for legal advice.

The magistrate, Mr. Tunbosun Abolarinwa, agreed to remand the defendant in the Ikoyi prison.

The matter was adjourned till February 24, 2014 for DPP's advice.

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