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An 18-year-old barber, Samuel David, has been remanded in prison custody for allegedly killing his 62-year-old landlord, Alabi John.

The two were said to have had a disagreement over a dog David brought into the house which degenerated into a fight.

It was learnt that David, who is an indigene of Oron, Mbo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom, had come to Lagos in 2013 through the help of his elder brother.

The said brother also reportedly got him a shop for a barbing salon business and a room apartment at 108 Ikota Housing Estate, Ajah-Lagos where the incident happened.

It was learnt that on March 24, 2014, the suspect had brought a friend's dog into the house.

The landlord was however said to have frowned at the idea, insisting that David take out the dog from his house immediately.

The issue degenerated into a quarrel and then a fight ensued between the duo.

The police said 18-year-old David pushed the victim to the floor, which made him sustain injuries to his mouth and groin.

The injuries were said to have festered, and he was taken to several hospitals in Ajah and Marina, before he finally gave up two days after.

The defendant was thereafter arrested and arraigned on one count of murder.

The charge reads, "That you, Samuel David, on March 24, 2014 at about 9pm, at 108, Ikota Housing Estate, Ajah-Lagos in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully kill one Alabi John, aged 62 years, by pushing him 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.

The police prosecutor, Corporal Cyriacus Osuji, applied for the remand of the defendant in prison pending legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution.

"The remand application is pursuant to Section 264(1) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Lagos State, 2011. The remand will help us conclude all investigations as well as forward a duplicate copy of the case file to the DPP for legal advice," he said.

The magistrate, Mrs. Y.J. Badejo Okusanya, agreed to remand the defendant in prison.

The matter was adjourned till May 14, 2014 for DPP's advice.

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