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**Ebute Meta Chief Magistrate Court**

An Ebute Meta Magistrate's court on Monday ordered the remand of a 25-year-old welder, Taiwo Adeyemi, in prison, after he was accused of killing his mechanic friend, Isikilu Oladeinde, with a stick.

He is to be in the Ikoyi Prison in Lagos State, pending the determination of his culpability by the state's Directorate of Public Prosecution.

It was gathered that Adeyemi and Oladeinde, who plied their trade in Ashade Market, Agege, had a fight at Adeyemi's workshop.

Twenty-eight-year-old Oladeinde on the fateful day had approached one of the apprentices of his friend for assistance at the workshop.

It was learnt that the boy had declined doing the work because his boss had not been consulted.

While the deceased was reportedly insisting he followed him, Adeyemi, who was working underneath a vehicle and eavesdropping on the conversation, came out and challenged his friend.

He was said to have picked quarrel with the deceased for wanting to use his apprentice without informing him.

The deceased, who stormed out of the workshop in anger, allegedly flung a dirty cloth on the defendant who had returned to working under the car.

Adeyemi was said to have got up, picked a stick and began chasing the deceased.

The late Oladeinde reportedly fell down and was hit with the stick.

The victim allegedly died from the injuries he sustained in the course of the brawl.

The suspect, who was arrested shortly after the incident, was then arraigned on one count of murder.

The police prosecutor, Corporal Cyriacus Osuji, while asking the court to remand Oladeinde in prison, said the police had evidence to prosecute the matter.

Osuji said, "On April 4, 2014 at about 1pm, at Ashade Market, Agege, Lagos, the deceased went to the defendant's shop in the same market and approached him to assist him to work on a Vanagon bus.

"It was in the process that an argument ensued between them. The deceased took to his heels, while the defendant pursued him with a stick which he used to hit him. He sustained injuries on his right arm. The deceased was rushed to the General Hospital, Onikan, from where he was referred to FMC, Idiaba, Abeokuta.

It was there he gave up on April 11, 2014 as a result of injuries sustained.



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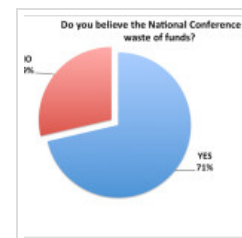
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"It is based on this ground that we apply for the remand in prison pending DPP's legal advice. Our request is sequel to Section 264 (1) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law of Lagos State, 2011."

However, the defence counsel, Seun Adenuga, and Bello Kayode, objected to the remand application.

Adenuga said the police had muddled up the facts of the case as the deceased was never taken to any hospital.

"He was the one that bought a drug to treat himself at a chemist in the same market. None of those who made statements to the police ever spoke of any hospital or FMC," he said.

The magistrate, Y.B. Badejo-Okusanya, however, overruled Adenuga's attempts to give evidence in the case.

She said based on the facts presented by the prosecutor, there was probable cause for remand, adding that the defendant should be remanded in prison pending legal advice.

The matter was adjourned till May 28, 2014.

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