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### Three policemen arraigned over alleged manslaughter

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Three policemen were arraigned before a Chief Magistrate Court sitting in Akure, the Ondo State capital on Friday for unlawfully torturing and killing a 20-year-old boy identified as Oluwatobi Badmus.

The accused persons who were said to have been dismissed from the service as a result of the incident are: Awodeyi Adesola, 30, Adedeji Adekunle, 32, and Adepetu Olamilekan, 27.

According to the Police Prosecutor, Mr. Dele Ogunyemi, the accused persons unlawfully killed Badmus as the deceased's death occurred shortly after he left the police station.

Ogunyemi said the trio committed the offence on July 21, 2014 at 'B' Division Police Station in Akure, adding that they had committed the offence while still in the service of the Nigeria Police Force.

He told the court the deceased was arrested for allegedly stealing a BlackBerry mobile phone belonging to one Prophet Bisi Adejugbagbe and was tortured, after which he died.

He said the offence was contrary to section 317 and punishable under section 325 of the criminal code cap 37 vol.1 Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

However, the three accused persons pleaded not guilty to charges of manslaughter when the charge sheet was read to them.

Their counsel, Mr. Steve Adebawale, asked the court to grant his clients bail in liberal terms, saying that the accused persons are still innocent until proven otherwise by the court.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs. Charity Adeyanju, in her ruling granted the accused bail in the sum of N500,000 with two sureties each in like sum. She said the sureties must submit a three years tax clearance obtained in the state internal revenue board and one of the sureties must be Grade Level 10 civil servant.

She also said that the sureties must reside within the court jurisdiction and also fill an affidavit of means with two recent passports of both sureties and accused. The case was adjourned till September 30, 2015 for hearing.

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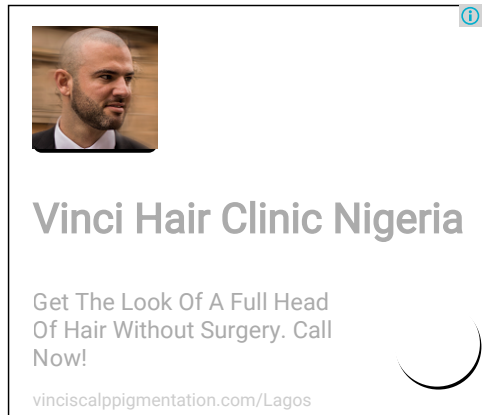


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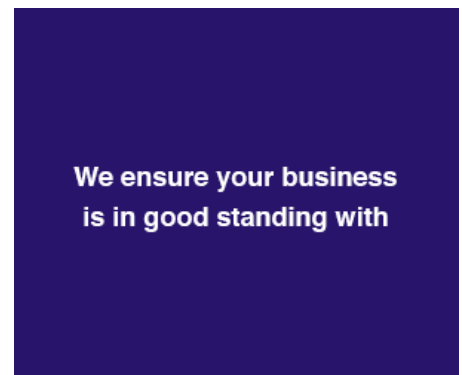
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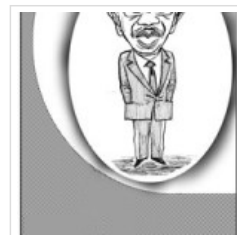
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