

Court remands cobbler for killing friend

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A Lagos State Magistrate's Court, sitting at Oyingbo, has remanded a cobbler, Ademola Awolesi, in prison, for allegedly stabbing his friend, Hakeem Oladimeji, to death.

The magistrate, Miss M.O. Ope-Agbe, ordered that the 20-year-old be remanded pending the release of legal advice from the Directorate of Public

Prosecutions.

PUNCH Metro had reported that Awolesi and Oladimeji were friends, but always had disagreements, which led to scuffles.

Our correspondent reported that on November 10, 2015, the defendant said Oladimeji attacked him at home, adding that he (Awolesi) stabbed him in the hand to defend himself.

Oladimeji was said to have been rushed to a herbal home, where he died.

The police arraigned the defendant on two counts of murder.

The charge read in part, "That you, Ademola Awolesi, on November 10, 2015, at about 8pm, on Ojo Street, Mushin, Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did unlawfully kill one Akeem

Oladimeji, aged 20, by stabbing him with a kitchen knife on his left hand 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 magistrate adjourned till January 16, 2016.