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Court remands driver, other for killing UNIOSUN student

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An Osun State Magistrate's Court sitting in Osogbo has ordered that a driver, Mr. Elijah Oyebode, and one Yusuf Ajibade, be remanded in the Ilesa Prison for allegedly killing a 400-level student of the Osun State University, Miss Rofiat Adebisi.

The two accused, who were arraigned by the police on Tuesday, were charged with conspiracy to commit murder and unlawfully receiving an iPhone 5 belonging to the deceased.

The police prosecutor, Mr. Mireti Wilson, told the court that the accused and other suspects currently at large committed the offence on December 23, 2016, at Egbeda in Iragbiji, Osun State.

The prosecutor said Oyebode, aged 22, and his accomplices killed the female student, while Ajibade received the mobile phone of the deceased valued at N100,000 from the alleged killers.

The charges read, "That you, Elijah Oyebode, and Yusuf Ajibade, and others now at large, on December 23, 2016, in the Egbeda-Iragbiji area, in the Iragbiji Magisterial District, did conspire among yourselves to commit felony to wit: murder, thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 324 of the Criminal Code, Cap 34, Vol. IL Law of Osun State of Nigeria 2002

"That y I Politics Business Entertainment Opinion I place, in the aforementioned magisterial district, did kill one Rofiat Damilola Adebisi, a student of the Osun State University, thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 34, Vol. II, Law of Osun State of Nigeria, 2002.

"That you, Yusuf Ajibade, did unlawfully receive one Apple iPhone 5, valued at N100,000, from one Elijah Oyebode, knowing same to have been stolen, thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 427 of the Criminal Code, Cap 34, Vol. II, Law of Osun State of Nigeria, 2002."

Oyebode was represented in the court by his counsel, Mrs. P.O. Ofoyeju, while Mrs. Bola Adeyinka represented Ajibade.

However, the pleas of the accused were not taken.

The presiding magistrate, Mr. Olusola Aluko, ordered that the accused be remanded in the Ilesha Prison, while the Investigating Police Officer in the case should duplicate the case file and send same to the Department of Public Prosecutions for legal advice.

He also ruled that the case should be transferred to Court 4 and adjourned till March 31, 2017, for mention.

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