

# Driver kills union member over N100

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An Ado Ekiti Magistrates' Court has ordered the remand of a 20-year-old commercial driver, Ismaila Bello, for murder.

Bello is standing trial for the alleged murder of a member of the transporter's union, Femi Ajayi, in Igogo Ekiti, Moba Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court that the defendant committed the offence on September 25, 2019, over a N100 daily levy.

Akinwale stated, "The defendant, who is a driver, was given N100 daily ticket by the union. On his way back, he was asked to pay the money for the ticket but he refused.

"In the process, it resulted in a crisis and one of the members deflated his vehicle tyre, which angered him and he beat the deceased with a deadly charm. The deceased died in the process of being rushed to the hospital."

According to him, the offence contravenes Section 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012.

The prosecutor urged the court to remand the defendant in a correctional facility pending legal advice from office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The plea of the defendant was not taken.