Ogun 39-year-old man sentenced to death for killing lover

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AN Abeokuta High Court on Wednesday sentenced a 39-year-old man, Musiliu Owolabi, to death by hanging for killing his lover, Afusat Idowu.

Owolabi, an auto mobile mechanic, was convicted on one count of murder.

The Chief Judge of Ogun State, Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu, while delivering her judgment, submitted that the prosecution proved its case beyond reasonable doubts.

Dipeolu said the offence contravened Section 319 of the Criminal Code, Laws of Ogun 2006.

She held that the evidence presented by the prosecution was tenable and consequently sentenced Owolabi to death by hanging.

Earlier, the state prosecuting counsel, Mr James Mafe, said the convict committed the offence on February1, 2018, in the Camp area of Abeokuta.

Mafe said the convict took his lover to a hotel for pleasure and after a while, she complained of a stomach ache and started foaming in the mouth.

"The convict took her in his vehicle and on the way, he noticed that she was dead. He secretly took the deceased to an uncompleted building, dug a shallow grave and buried her without disclosing to anybody.

"The convict was arrested when the younger brother of the deceased went to a police station to complain that his sister, who told him she was going for a naming ceremony at the Bode Olude area, never returned.

"Upon police investigation, with the help of tracking of the deceased's phone, it was discovered that the convict was the last person she spoke with.

"Upon his arrest, he made a confessional statement to the police and took them to where he buried his lover," the prosecutor said.

The convict had earlier been arraigned on November 12, 2019 and pleaded not guilty to the charges.