

Four friends torture 28-year-old phone, device found on chair

Hindi Livinus, Yola

FOUR men have been arraigned before a Yola Chief Magistrate's Court over the death of a 28-year-old man, Adamu Ahmadu, who was wrongly accused of stealing a phone.

Ahmadu, who was the son of a security guard working with the Adamawa Broadcasting Corporation, Yola, was accused by Hamidu Umar, the son of the deposed ward head of Damare, Yola

South Local Government Area, of stealing his mobile phone on January 22, 2022.

Though the deceased denied the allegation, Umar reportedly insisted he produce the phone.

It was learnt that the 55-year-old and three others resorted to torture to force out a confession from the victim.

The other three defendants were identified as Sholle Manas, Faisal and Nahau.

Umar, assisted by Faisal



• Ahmadu

and Nahau, allegedly took the victim to an uncompleted

building around 5.30pm and tortured him with wood and

Arrest four suspected land grabbers in Lagos



• The land counts.

The charges read in part, "That you, Johnson Adebayo Matthew, Taiwo Tijani, Bolaji Makinde, and others now at large, sometime between December 23, 2021 and February 14, 2022, at Sangotedo, Lekki Peninsular, Eti-Osa Local Government Area, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did conspire among yourselves to commit felony, to wit, damage, contempt of court and conduct likely to cause a breach of peace, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 411 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2015.

"That you, Johnson Adebayo

Matthew, Taiwo Tijani, Bolaji Makinde, and others still at large, on the same date, time and place, in the aforementioned magisterial district, did commit contempt of court by forcefully entering and retaking possession by Oyetubo Jokotade Estate and residents of the Oyetubo Oyemade Royal Family by a writ of court, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 10(h) of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2015."

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Their defence counsel, A. Anayo and Ngozi Ibe, applied for their bail in

liberal terms.

The complainant, who was absent in court, was represented by I.S. John of the Olanrewaju Aiyedun and Co. Chambers.

The magistrate, K.K. Awoyinka, admitted them to bail in the sum of N200,000 each with one surety each in like sums.

The fourth defendant, Sanni, was arraigned on Thursday on three counts.

The charge read in part, "That you, Azeze Sanni, and others now at large, sometime between December 23, 2021, and February 16, 2022, at Sangotedo, Lekki Peninsula, Eti-Osa Local Government Area, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did conspire to commit felony, to wit, malicious damage, contempt of court and conduct likely to cause a breach of peace, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2015."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges. His counsel, Ngozi Ibe,

applied for his bail.

The magistrate, Awoyinka, admitted him to bail in the sum of N100,000 with one surety in like sum, adding that the surety must be gainfully employed and must show evidence of a minimum balance of N500,000 in his bank account.

The case was adjourned till February 22, 2022, for mention.

Immigration rescues eight

Abiodun Nejo, Ado Ekiti

OPERATIVES of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Ekiti State Command, have rescued eight children being trafficked from Benue to Lagos and Oyo states through Ekiti State.

The NIS Comptroller, Ekiti State Command, Mr Alphonsus Achilonu, said a suspect was also arrested for his alleged

the matter without delay.

parts in the building located

Oyo West Local Government

to death over missing

broken blocks.

Ahmadu was said to have sustained fractures in his two hands, among other injuries, which resulted in his death.

During their re-arraignment on February 15, 2022, Umar maintained his not guilty plea, while the second defendant, Manas, who had initially pleaded not guilty, changed his plea.

Manas told the court while pleading guilty that he met the first defendant and the two others beating the deceased, adding that he was instructed by Umar to join them in beating Ahmadu.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the third and fourth defendants, listed in the court records, were at large.

According to a first information report, "Ahmadu was rescued by the new Ward Head of Damare, Sahabo Umar, who also reported the case at the Wuro Hausa Police Station.

"However, Umar, upon his return home, found the

missing handset on a sofa in his palour."

The report further stated that the victim, who was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Yola, for medical attention, died on Sunday, February 13, 2022

and was buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

The Chief Magistrate, Dimas Gwamu, adjourned the case till the following day for continuation of trial and sentencing of the defendant who pleaded guilty.

Bizman arraigned for defiling two brothers claims testing impotence herbs

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A businessman, Abubakar Barkindo, has admitted to defiling two underage boys in Yola, the Adamawa State capital.

The defendant, who had earlier denied the allegation upon his arraignment before a Chief Magistrate's Court sitting in Yola, on Wednesday, admitted to committing the act, contrary to Section 263 of the Penal Code Law.

The court subsequently ordered his remand in a custodial centre.

Barkindo, who sold engine oil at a filling station in the state capital, claimed that he recently discovered that his manhood was no longer functional, adding that he complained to his mother about the problem.

He said he collected some herbs with a view to treating the sickness and later decided to test if he was OK by asking the boys to play with his private parts.

The police prosecutor, Sergeant Sawe Nicholas, in a first information report filed in court, said the defendant committed the offence on February 8, 2022.

Sawe told Chief Magistrate Abdullahi Digil that the victims' father reported the matter to the police.

He explained that the defendant lured the boys into his room where he removed his clothes and sexually assaulted the victims, including ejaculating in their mouths.

The court adjourned the matter till March 7, 2022, and ordered the police to complete investigation and forward the case file to the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

frowns on child labour, trafficked Benue minors

involvement in child labour.

Achilonu, who spoke in Ado Ekiti during a week-long customer service ceremony, said, "The NIS Anti-Human Trafficking Squad, acting on a tip-off and through intelligence gathering, arrested one man while trafficking the eight children, who are minors, to their end-users in Lagos and Ibadan, Oyo State. He confessed that he brought the children from Benue

State.

"The eight victims have been reunited with their families. Many people are in the business. They have to be checked at all costs and the best approach is for the government, parents and well-meaning Nigerians to ensure that they are sincere with the provision of basic needs for these children, put them in schools, create an enabling environment and jobs for them."