

Court remands Ekiti prophet over teenager's death

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An Ekiti State chief magistrates' court, Ado Ekiti District, has ordered that a man, Adedayo Oluwaseyidara, be remanded in the custodial centre for the alleged murder of one 17-year-old Emmanuel Adeyemo.

The defendant, said to be a prophet, was alleged to have given the deceased concoction to drink to cure bedwetting, but the deceased complained of a stomach ache after drinking it and died in the process.

The charge sheet read; "The defendant was on February 12, 2022 in Iyin Ekiti, reasonably suspected to have committed offence of murder on a 17-year-old Emmanuel Adeyemo, contrary to and punishable under Section 319 (1) of the Criminal Code, Cap. C16, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012."

In her statement to the police, a relative of the victim, Bisola, said the deceased was bedwetting and taken to the prophet for prayer.

She said the prophet told her to bring Adeyemo whom he claimed was possessed, alongside different types of fruits for appeasement to the gods.

She said, "The prophet prepared the sacrifice and concoction and gave it to him (Adeyemo) to drink. Thereafter, the deceased started complaining of a stomach ache and later died."