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Chief Magistrate Court

Suspected poison kills Ondo worshipper's son, pastor remanded

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An Ondo State Chief Magistrates' Court sitting in Akure, the state capital, has remanded a pastor, Samuel Alade-Emin, over his alleged involvement in the death of his church member's son, Olasupo Abiona.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Abiona's whereabouts were unknown for seven days

sometime in August 2022.

He was later found in the pastor's custody at Alagbado village, in the Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

It was also learnt that Abiona died at an undisclosed hospital after the defendant allegedly gave him a poisonous substance to consume.

Thereafter, the police arrested the pastor and arraigned him before the court on two-count



• Ondo CP, Oyeyemi Oyediran
bothering on deprivation of liberty and murder.

The police prosecutor, Nelson Akintimehin, informed the court that the defendant unlawfully detained Abiona, who was the son of one of the elders in the church, against his will.

According to him, the defendant allegedly administered a substance suspected to be poisonous to the deceased which made him vomit blood and died.

Akintimehin said the offences

committed contravened Sections 365 and 316(5) of the Criminal Law of Ondo State, 2006.

In his application, Akintimehin prayed the court to keep the defendant at the correctional centre pending the outcome of advice from the state Director of Public Prosecutions.

The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to the offence

but his plea was not taken.

The counsel to the defendant, A. Motunraye, prayed the court to grant the defendant bail in the most liberal terms, insisting that he is innocent.

In his ruling, the Chief Magistrate, Musa Al-Yusuf, ordered the remand of the defendant at the correctional centre pending the advice from the state Director of Public Prosecutions.

He adjourned the case till February 9, 2023.