

# Scrap collector in court for causing man's death

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The Lagos State Police Command has arraigned a scrap collector, Wasiu Adeyi, before a Yaba Magistrates' Court for allegedly causing the death of a car washer, Owoseni Abayomi.

The police prosecutor, Rita Momoh, told the court that the defendant committed the offence on December 1, 2022, on Babalola Street, Freedom Way, Ikate, Lekki.

Momoh stated that 42-year-old Adeyi had a quarrel with the victim, which degenerated into a fight.

The defendant was said to have pushed the deceased to a wall as the victim died on the spot.

He was arraigned on one count of murder.

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The charge read, "That you, Wasiu Adeyi, on December 1, 2022, on Babalola Street, Freedom Way, Ikate, Lekki, Lagos, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did cause the death of Abayomi Owoseni, 48, by excessive use of force in the exercise of a right of self-defence, thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 227 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2015."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Magistrate Adeola Olatunbosun, after reading through the case file, confirmed that the act was carried out in self-defence.

He admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N1m with two responsible sureties in like sum.

The case was adjourned till February 6, 2023, for trial.