Ondo man stones peacemaker to death over N700

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Ondo State Magistrates' Court sitting in Akure has remanded a man, Funmilayo Asojo, in a custodial centre for allegedly killing a peacemaker, Barniduro Adewole, with a stone.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victim was killed while settling a rift between the defendant and a man who owed him (Asojo) N700 on December 28, 2022, at Ute town, in the Owo Local Government Area of the state.

The 59-year-old, who was a security guard in a public primary school, was allegedly hit with a stone in the head by the defendant.

He was later rushed to a hospital where he died two days after.

The defendant was arraigned on one count of murder.

According to the prosecution, the offence contravenes sections 319 and 355 of the Criminal Code Law, Cap. 37 Vol. II Laws of Ondo State, 2006.

The police prosecutor, Augustine Omhenemhen, urged the court to remand the defendant in the Olokuta Custodial Centre pending the outcome of advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

In his ruling, the Magistrate, R.O. Yakubu, ordered the defendant to be remanded in prison and adjourned the case till March 19, 2023, for mention.