

Octogenarian kills Ekiti co-tenant with machete, attacks neighbour

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A Chief Magistrates' Court in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, on Wednesday remanded an 80-year-old man, Lucas Ateniola, at a correctional centre in Ado-Ekiti over alleged murder and attempted murder in the state.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria*, the police prosecutor, Inspector Caleb Leramo, had earlier told the court that Ateniola murdered one Elizabeth Nwamaka and attempted to kill 20-year-old Alice Bodunride at their residence in the Emure-Ekiti area of the state.

He told the court that Ateniola and his victims were neighbours living in the same building, adding that the octogenarian claimed that the victims threatened to kill him.

Leramo said the accused went into the rooms of the victims in the night, stabbed Elizabeth several times and dealt her machete blows until her intestines came out of her body.

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He added that the octogenarian equally stabbed Alice and used a machete to cut her several times when she raised the alarm which attracted neighbours to the scene to rescue her.

The prosecutor said the accused later confessed to the crime which contravened the Criminal Laws of Ekiti State, 2021.

He urged the court to remand the accused to a correctional centre pending legal advice from the office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

The presiding Chief Magistrate, Saka Afunso, did not take the plea of the accused before ordering that he be remanded at the correctional centre and adjourned the case till May 11 for mention.