

Ekiti man to die for killing neighbour over motorcycle

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An Ekiti State High Court, Ado Ekiti Division has sentenced one Ismaila Ojo to death by hanging for strangulating a man, Kareem Adu, over a motorcycle.

Ojo was charged to court and found guilty of a count of murder which was committed on May 13, 2018.

Justice Olusegun Ogunyemi said that having carefully considered and weighed the evidence adduced before the court, “it is my finding that the defendant caused the death of the deceased by holding and pressing his neck and throat.

“On the whole, I find the defendant guilty as charged. You (the defendant) are hereby sentenced to be hanged on the neck until you die.”

Earlier, the police prosecutor, Inspector Tunde Arowosola, had told the court that one Agnes Adu came to the station with the complaint that her husband had been killed at Odo-Uro by one Ismaila Ojo over an ownership disputation and tussle in respect of a motorcycle.

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Arowosola said the woman alleged that the defendant (Ojo) strangulated the deceased.

Also, a policeman, Inspector Lasisi Bashiru, who testified before the court, said, “The defendant confessed to the crime that on May 13, 2018, when he was taking his bath, Adu (the deceased) came to take a motorcycle which he parked in front of his house.

“The defendant said that after finishing his bath, he went to Adu’s house and met him sleeping.

“The defendant, however, claimed that he neither intended nor caused Adu’s death as the two of them merely fought while none of them carried or used any weapon or hard object during the fight.”