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5 arraigned for culpable homicide

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Five persons including a female teacher, Rita Binta were yesterday arraigned in a Makurdi Magistrate Court for the murder of a young man, Bemgba Ayu of Gboko town.

According to the prosecution, the accused, Bello, Danlami, Mallam Kata and Jacob and Rita, all of Gboko town were alleged to have committed the crime when they conspired at Hausa Quarters, Gboko and tied the victim with a rope on both legs and hands and beat him to death. Prosecution told the court that during police investigation, the accused persons were arrested in connection with the offence.

However, no plea was taken for want of jurisdiction even as the prosecution told the court that investigation was still on and asked for another date.

Counsel to the accused persons, Messrs T. A Ahmed, S B Luga and Mrs P E Ula were not opposed to the application by the prosecution for adjournment, but said they would apply formally for bail of their clients.

In her ruling, the Chief Magistrate, Mrs Cecilia Bakare, who adjourned the case till February 7, ordered that the accused be remanded at Federal Prisons, Makurdi until then.