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Three persons have been arraigned before an Ilaro Chief Magistrate's Court in Ogun State over the death of a 21-year old, Olufemi Amosun.

The accused persons, who were brought to court on Wednesday, were alleged to have committed the offence during Governor Ibikunle Amosun's assessment tour of Ilaro in Yewa South Local Government Area of the state penultimate Monday.

The suspects, according to the charge sheet, are Fatai Lamidi, Muyideen Salaudeen and Oyeyemi Semiu.

In the case, with charge number, M/O/156C/2014, they were arraigned before Chief Magistrate, Fafowora on a six-count charge of murder, illegal possession of firearms and conspiracy. Supporters of two chieftains of the All Progressives Congress (APC) had clashed during the local government assessment tour by the governor and during the fracas, Olufemi (the deceased) was allegedly shot while others were injured. The State Police Command subsequently, arrested seven suspects in connection with the case and recovered firearms, including four pump action guns, and other dangerous weapons from the suspects.

According to the charge sheet, the suspects committed the offence contrary to and punishable under Sections 324, 319(1), 516(1), 88(1)(a) and 63 of Criminal Code Law of Ogun State, 2006. On the alleged illegal possession of firearms, the prosecution also said the suspects committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 28(1)(C) of Firearms Act Cap R11 Law of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

The count charges read, "That you Fatai Lamidi 'm' and Muyideen Salaudeen 'm', with others still at large, on 20th October, 2014 at about 1400hrs at Empire Field premises Ilaro, in the aforementioned Magisterial district did unlawfully kill one Olufemi Amosun 'm' aged 21years by shooting him to death with a gun, and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 316 and punishable under section 319(1) of the criminal code, laws of Ogun State of Nigeria, 2006.

"That you Fatai Lamidi 'm', Muyideen Salaudeen 'm', Oyeyemi Semiu 'm', with others still at large, on the same date, time and place in the aforementioned Magisterial District did have in your

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possession without license or lawful permit, '4' four pump action guns and thereby committed an offence contrary to section 5(3) and punishable under section 28(1)(c) of the firearms Act Cap R11 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

"That you Fatai Lamidi 'm', Muyideen Salaudeen 'm', Oyeyemi Semiu 'm', and others still at large, on or before October, 2014 within Ilaro and its environs in the aforementioned Magisterial District did belong to proscribed society to wit; Oodua People's Congress (OPC) and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 63 of the criminal code laws of Ogun State of Nigeria, 2006."

Due to the nature of the case, the plea was not taken while the case, upon mention, was subsequently adjourned till 16 November, 2014.

Meanwhile, the Association of Ohori Baales in Ilaro, Yewa South Local Government of Ogun State has petitioned the Olu of Ilaro and paramount ruler of Yewaland, Oba Kehinde Olugbenle to use his good offices in getting justice on the matter.

In a letter by the Association on behalf of the deceased family to the Paramount Ruler dated 24th of October, 2014, signed by four leaders of the family, it was alleged that one Fatai, popularly known as Ode (Hunter) was responsible for the shooting .

The family further alleged that the suspect and his cohorts stood somewhere close to Empire ground where the governor was addressing people and were pursuing people with guns.

"While running, we saw one Honda Accord (grey colour), with registration number AAA 360 CY coming and one man later known to be Fatai (Ode) stretched out his body from the car holding a gun and started shooting, which resulted to the death of our son, (Oluwafemi Sunday Amosun).

"As this happened, we ran after the vehicle with some vigilante around towards Egbo road and got him. When, the man who shot our son realised he had been identified and was about to be lynched, he also gave us the telephone number of the person he alleged to have sent them.

"We handed the man and his partner to the police with the gun he used to kill our son. We also recovered other guns and ammunition in the car.

"Please, our Obas, we want you to use your position to assist us get justice," they stated in the petition.

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