



Security guard kills man at meeting

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A 40-year-old security guard, Shola Adeyemi, was yesterday arraigned before an Ikeja High Court for allegedly killing a man, Ahmed Alogba, with a double-barrelled gun. Adeyemi, who pleaded not guilty to a one-count charge of manslaughter, worked as a night guard at the C. G. Royal Hotel, located at No. 1, Obideku Street, Iba, Lagos.

The father of five allegedly committed the offence on November 14, 2014 at Aratumi Junction, Iyana Iba, Lagos. According to the charge, Adeyemi did unlawfully kill Alogba with a horse Magnum Pump Action gun. However, the offence committed runs contrary to Section 227 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

The state counsel, Adebayo Haroun, told the court that the prosecution was ready with all of its witnesses to commence trial. According to his confessional statement, Adeyemi had accidentally shot two people who were members of an association called "Team Lagos" during one of their weekly meeting.

"The meeting, which was scheduled for 1p.m., was organised to aid low-income earners financially and also help secure jobs for its unemployed members. He, however, attended the meeting with the double-barrelled gun kept inside a school bag. But unfortunately, while trying to remove it from the bag, it exploded and fired itself.

"The bullet hit two members who were immediately rushed to the hospital, leaving one dead on the spot. "He narrated that the gun was given to him by the owner of the hotel for security purposes and though he had no licence, he had the photocopy of the gun's receipt," the statement reads in part."

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