

# Court admits kitchen knife, autopsy report as evidence in killing of housewife

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**A** Lagos High Court, Ikeja, yesterday admitted in evidence a kitchen knife, allegedly used by a housewife, Stella Gilbert, to kill her neighbour, Stella Godwin.

Also admitted by the court were the autopsy report and a kitchen table, which the two housewives fought over before the incident.

The state prosecutor, Mrs. O. A. Olugasa, tendered the items as evidence through a witness, Fatai Popoola, the police officer in charge of the case.

The defendant is standing trial on a one-count charge of murder before Justice Raliat Adebisi.

Gilbert allegedly stabbed the deceased to death on June 22,

2013, at No. 59, Ojora Street, Ajegunle, Lagos, while fighting over the kitchen table left behind by a neighbour who parked out of their residence.

Popoola had earlier told the court that the defendant stabbed the deceased with a kitchen knife in the chest and arm, leading to her death.

During resumed hearing, the investigating police officer told the court that the case was transferred to him alongside the exhibits.

Popoola said he prepared a coroner's form for an autopsy to be carried out on the deceased, which was tendered and admitted as exhibit.

The defence counsel, Mr. I. E. Isu, did not cross-examine the witness.