

Man sentenced to death for killing brother

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Lagos High Court sitting in Ikeja, yesterday sentenced 30-year-old, Allen Abiodun, to death for stabbing his younger brother to death.

Abiodun denied having blood relationship with his mother and the deceased, claiming that his mother was a Chinese.

The court presided over by Justice Raliatu Adebisi said the prosecution proved the ingredients of murder beyond reasonable doubt as required by law, explaining that sounding uncoordinated by the convict, as an insane person, could be an attempt to escape justice because there was no evidence to support such.

While pronouncing the sentence, Adebisi said that the convict, who was 27-years-old at the time of committing the crime, had in his confessional statement, stated that his younger brother woke him from sleep and he saw him, Wale Allen, standing before him with a bottle. So, he quickly grabbed another bottle and stabbed him.

Wale died instantly and he dragged the body to a nearby bush and covered it with leaves so that nobody would find it.

She also said that the convict in his confessional statement, which he later attempted to deny, alleged that the deceased had threatened to kill him two years earlier but he had told the deceased that he (the deceased) would die before him.

One of the witnesses, Sunday Abogunrin, a building contractor, living close to the defendant's residence had told the court that on February 20, 2013, at about 1am, he heard dogs barking.

He said: "Initially, people around were afraid to come out to clarify what was irritating the dogs for fear of robbers but later on, they all came out, including me.

"The defendant's neighbours were usually afraid of going near the defendant's house because the defendant was notorious for disturbing people in the neighbourhood.

"I went out to investigate the cause of the noise and noticed someone dragging something into the nearby bush. I initially wanted to raise an alarm but instead, I put my torch on and the person ran off towards the defendant's house. I followed him and met the defendant washing his hands." The judge stated that Section 316 of the Criminal Justice Administration Act provides that a person is guilty of murder if he/she unlawfully kills another person under any of the following circumstances: one, if the offender intends to cause the death of the person killed or that of some other person.



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