



## Court gets autopsy report of woman murdered by husband

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LAGOS— The prosecution in the trial of a 42-year-old man charged for murder of his wife, Anna Ugbogbo, yesterday presented before a Lagos High Court in Igbosere, a post-mortem report on the deceased.

At the resumed hearing, the prosecutor, Mrs Akin-Adesomoju, also tendered a statement obtained from the complainant, which was brought by a witness, Sgt. Mayowa Olojede.

Objecting to the admissibility of the document (post-mortem report), defence counsel, Mr. U.N. Ejeokele argued that he was served with the document late in contradiction of Section 83 (3) Evidence Act.

“The charge is dated February 12, 2012 and the autopsy was carried out in February 28, 2012” he said, but later withdrew his objection and the document was admitted as Exhibit P7.

According to the charge LCD/62/2013: “Austine Ugbogbo, on January 26, 2012 at about 2130hours, at Railway Line, Otto, Oyingbo, Ebute-Metta, Lagos, in the Lagos Judicial Division did murder one Anna Ugbogbo by throwing a burning stove on her.”

Vanguard gathered that Anna (deceased) and her husband, who met in 2006 and were living together, started fighting after a rice meal.

Angered by the taste of kerosene in the rice his wife served him as dinner, Austine threw away the food, which led to the fight.

In the course of the fight, he allegedly threw a burning stove on his wife. She died eleven days later (February 6, 2012) at a General Hospital.

The offence is said to be contrary to Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2011 and the trial judge, Justice

Ebenezer Adebajo adjourned till June 3 for continuation of trial.

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