

Man, 26, in court for alleged murder of unidentified person

LAGOS—AN Ebute Meta Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos yesterday ordered that one Rotimi Abolarinwa, 26, charged with the murder of a yet-to-be identified person, be remanded at the Ikoyi Prisons.

Chief Magistrate Olatunbosun Abolarinwa gave the order adding that: "The advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPPs) need to be sought on this matter."

"I, therefore, order that Abolarinwa should be kept at the Ikoyi Prisons for the next 30 days pending the DPPs' advice."

The court declined to take the plea of the accused because his alleged offences raised questions

about the jurisdiction of the court to adjudicate on the case.

Abolarinwa, however, adjourned the case to June 18 for mention.

The Prosecutor, DSP Etim Nkankuk, had then told the court that Abolarinwa committed the offences with others still at large.

He said that the accused committed the offences on Jan. 23 at 11.30 a.m., at the Nigeria Railway Corporation Line, opposite Mainland Hotel, Oyingbo in Ebute Meta, Lagos State.

The prosecutor said the death of the yet-to-be-identified deceased was caused by blows to a delicate part of his body by the

accused and his conspirators who were still at large.

He told the court that as at the time of the arraignment of the accused, the deceased's identity was yet to be ascertained.

"The murder-suspect had allegedly killed another person by beating him to death," he said.

Nkankuk said that Abolarinwa's offences contravened Sections 221 and 231 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

Section 221 prescribes death sentence for any offender, while Section 231 says the offender is liable to 14 years' imprisonment.

The accused, of no fixed address, is being tried on a two-count charge of conspiracy and murder.