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An Ado-Ekiti Magistrate's Court has ordered the remand of 42-year-old Josiah Johnson in prisons custody for allegedly beating his wife to death for denying him sex.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court that the accused committed the offence on July 3 at Erio-Ekiti in Ekiti West Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

He said that the accused, on the said date, unlawfully caused the death of his wife, Mrs Julianah Johnson, by beating her to death.

According to him, the husband wanted sex with his wife, now deceased, but she declined, saying she did not want to get pregnant after having seven children.

He told the court that the man, infuriated by his wife's refusal, beat her to submission and forcefully had sexual intercourse with her, all of which led to her death.

Oriyomi said the offence contravened Section 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Cap C 16, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012.

The prosecutor, however, sought an adjournment of the matter as he still needed legal advice from the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, DPP.

The plea of the accused was not taken because of the development while his counsel, Mr. Tunde Falade, did not object to the request for a short adjournment, pending outcome of the DPP's advice.

Magistrate Taiwo Ajibade consequently remanded the accused in prison custody and adjourned the case to September 12.