

Man remanded in prison custody over neighbour's death

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LAGOS—A Lagos High Court sitting in Ikeja, yesterday, remanded an unemployed man, Bakare Akeem, in prison custody for allegedly killing his neighbour with a plank.

Justice Mojisola Dada gave the order after the defendant took his plea.

Akeem, whose residential address was not given, is standing trial on a count charge

of murder to which he pleaded not guilty.

Earlier, Lagos State prosecutor, Mr. O. I. Seshan, told the court that the defendant committed the alleged offence on June 26, 2018, at 10.10p.m. in Surulere.

He said the defendant allegedly killed one Eguzuoba Ikechukwu by heating his head with a plank, which led to his death.

According to the prosecutor, the offence committed is punishable

under Section 223 of the Criminal Law of 2015.

He urged the court to remand the defendant in prison custody and asked for an accelerated trial.

Meanwhile, counsel to the defendant, Mrs S. D. Bakenni-Salami, said: "I just got proof of evidence this morning(yesterday). I will be studying the file."

Justice Dada remanded the defendant in custody and adjourned the case until October 29 for trial.