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## Two to die by hanging for murder in Osun

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JUSTICE Jide Falola of Osun State High Court sitting in Ikirun, yesterday sentenced two men to death by hanging for murder.

The three accused, Orisakunle Abiodun, 21, Opadokun Olayinka, 29, and Femi Aroyehun, 24, were arraigned on January 22, 2018, on two counts of conspiracy to murder and murder.

The charges were contrary to and punishable under Section 324, 316(1), 319(1) of the Criminal Code Law, Cap. 34, Vol. 2, Laws of Osun State.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against them.

During the trial, the state

prosecution counsel, Philips Afolayan called three witnesses to prove his case.

The witnesses included, Oladipupo Damilare, Sergeant Aina Clement and Sergeant Josephine Eroko.

Barrister Afolayan also tendered the extra-judicial statements of the nominal complainants as well as those of the three accused persons in evidence.

The accused persons entered their defence and each gave evidence for himself without calling any witness.

In his judgement, Justice Falola ruled that Prosecution Counsel has proved his case beyond any reasonable doubt and found Orisakunle Abiodun and Opadokun

Olayinka guilty of two counts preferred against them.

He, however, acquitted the third defendant, Femi Aroyehun on the two counts preferred against him.

Meanwhile, Counsel to the convicts, L. S. Bello, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

Justice Falola then sentenced the two convicts to five years imprisonment for conspiracy and death by hanging for murder.

The deceased, Adeoye Matthew was on March 9, 2017, murdered by a mob after he was involved in an altercation with the convict while returning from work with his friend, Oladipupo Damilare around Babio Secondary School, Idi-Iroko Area, Ikirun.

Residents reported the attack to the police who came

to the scene and evacuated the victim to Araromi Hospital, Ikirun where he later died on the same day.

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