Court remands securityman over alleged rape of tailor in Ibadan

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An Iyaganku Chief Magistrates’ Court, Ibadan, on Friday, ordered the remand of a securityman, Prince Micah, 21, over alleged rape of a tailor in her shop.  
  
Micah is facing a three-count charge of rape, attempted murder and armed robbery.  
  
The Chief Magistrate, Mrs Olabisi Ogunkanmi, who did not take the defendant’s plea, ordered his remand at Agodi Correctional facility, Ibadan.  
  
Ogunkanmi said that the defendant should be kept in custody pending legal advice from the office of the Oyo State Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP), Ministry of Justice.  
  
The chief magistrate, thereafter, adjourned the matter until August 28, for mention.  
  
The prosecutor, Insp Sikiru Opaleye, told the court that Micah, on May 17, at 3:00p.m. at Hope Street, Oluwo Nla Area, Bashorun, Ibadan, allegedly had unlawful carnal knowledge of a tailor, aged 29, without her consent.  
  
Opaleye said that when the tailor made efforts to resist the defendant’s attack by grabbing a scissors, he forcefully dispossessed her of the scissors and cut her ear.  
  
The prosecutor added that the defendant also used an empty bottle of beer to hit the victim on the head in an attempt to cause her death.  
  
Opaleye alleged that the defendant, while armed with the bottle, robbed the victim of her Vivo and Techno Android phones valued at N250,000.  
  
He said that her screams later attracted people in the neighborhood who apprehended the defendant before police was invited to the scene.  
  
Opaleye said that the offence contravened Section 357 and was punishable under Section 358, 320 of the Criminal Code Laws of Oyo State 2000.  
  
The prosecutor said that the offence also contravened Section 1(2) (a) (b) of the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act Cap RII, Vol. 14, Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004.