

Man accused of murder in Aldi appears in court

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The family of a man accused of stabbing a supermarket worker to death have said no words can convey their sorrow over the alleged murder.

Neville Hord appeared at Leeds crown court yesterday charged with the murder of Jodie Willsher at an Aldi store in Skipton, North Yorkshire, a week ago.

Before the 10-minute hearing, Hord's relatives said in a statement to the media: "Neville's family wish to express our sincere condolences to Jodie's family at what should have been a time of joy and happiness for them. No words can convey our sorrow for this tragic turn of events."

Hord, 44, from Bradford, spoke only to confirm his name, date of birth and British nationality. He was remanded in custody and the case was adjourned until a plea and trial preparation hearing on 26 January at Bradford crown court.

Willsher, 30, suffered multiple serious injuries when she was attacked at about 3.30pm on 21 December while working at the Aldi on Keighley Road.

Her husband, Malcolm, with whom she had a young daughter, said: "She was amazing, beautiful and a lovely person. She was a doting mother and a loving wife." Her cousin Chris Swales posted on social media: "We lost a beautiful, fun-loving and caring person. How can life be so cruel?"

Colin Breslin, Aldi's regional managing director, said Willsher was "much loved and popular" and staff were all deeply shocked and saddened by her death.

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