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Lagos partygoer stabbed to death in fight over hard drug

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from Afeez.

A 26-year-old man, identified simply as Moses, has been stabbed to death following a disagreement over the use of a hard drug known as colos in the Oregun area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident occurred on Thursday, October 2, after Moses and his friend, Afeez, popularly known as Opolo, attended a party in the community the previous night.

A relative of the deceased, who spoke to our correspondent on Monday, on the condition of anonymity due to the relationship they shared, said the duo had an altercation after Moses allegedly refused to return the hard drug he collected

The relative said, "Both of them attended a party around Ibikunle. During the party, Afeez was smoking colos when Moses approached him and requested a drag. After some time, Afeez asked for it back, but Moses refused. He ran away with the drug, and this angered Afeez.

"Afeez chased after him, and when he caught up with him, a fight broke out between them. In the process, Afeez brought out a knife and stabbed Moses in the chest. This made him fall immediately and start bleeding. He became unresponsive before help could come."

The suspect was, however, said to have fled the scene after realising that his friend had died.

"Some of Moses' friends



•Adebisi. Photo: File

called his father to inform him. When he got to the scene, he met his son's lifeless body lying in a pool of blood," the relative added.

A police source who spoke to PUNCH Metro on Monday, while also pleading anonymity as he was not

permitted speak on the matter, said the incident was reported at the Oregun Police Station around midnight.

"A complaint was lodged at the station around 3 pm, and when our officers got there, they found the lifeless body of the victim. It was photographed and taken to the morgue. We

immediately went after the suspect and discovered that he had gone into hiding after committing the act. But we arrested his father, and after he got to know of this, he later turned himself in," the source said.

A resident of the area

death in fight over hard drug

Femi Akeju, however, told our correspondent that the families of both men had resolved the matter and withdrew the case from the

police.

"The case was supposed to be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, but Moses'

family withdrew it after reaching an agreement with the suspect's family," he said.

When contacted on

Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Abimbola Adebisi, said she was not aware of the development.

Commuters lament as traders take over Ogun pedestrian bridges

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COMMUTERS and residents along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway have lamented the state of the pedestrian bridges at Ibafo and Mowe in Ogun State.

The residents told PUNCH Metro on Saturday that the bridges had been overtaken by illegal traders, thereby forcing many pedestrians to cross the highway.

During a visit to the location the same day,



•Traders on the bridge. Photo: Okiki Afolabi

it was observed that the bridges, built to ensure the

safety of pedestrians, had become almost impassable as traders displayed goods on the walkways, leaving little room for movement.

It was also observed that traders had occupied nearly half of its stretch, with makeshift tables and goods stacked closely together.

The under-decks of the structures were also littered with refuse and reeked of urine.

A commuter, Kemi Adeoye, said the bridge was no longer convenient for passage due to the

presence of traders.

She said, "People sell everything on the bridge, from sachet water, cooked food, second-hand clothes, and even drinks. You cannot pass without squeezing through traders and goods. They also urinate all over. On some days, the smell is so unbearable, crossing the road becomes the preferred option."

Another commuter based in Ibafo, Samson Okoro, said the overcrowding on the bridges often forced people to risk their lives by crossing the high-speed carriageway.

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