

28-year-old Lagos lady beaten to death during dispute

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Late Juliet. Photo: Family

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A 28-year-old lady identified as Juliet has been beaten to death following a dispute with a yet-to-be-identified man in the Ajah area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Wednesday from a source privy to the incident, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, that Juliet had smashed the windshield of the man's car during an argument on Monday.

The source said the man, angered by her action, mobilised some boys in the area, who descended on Juliet, took her to an uncompleted building, and beat her into a coma.

According to the source, when sympathisers got to where she was attacked, they attempted to rush her to a hospital but discovered she had already died.

The source said, “Juliet had issues with a particular man and broke his car windscreen. The man then hired ‘area boys’ to beat her up. They tied her up, took her to an uncompleted building, tortured and molested her, and left her almost dead. Before people could rush her to get help, she gave up.

“I don’t know what made Juliet break the man’s windscreen, and I do not support that at all. But if someone breaks your windscreen, the lawful thing to do is to report to the police — not arrange for their murder.

“This is pure evil, and everyone involved must face the law.”

Similarly, a security operative in the area, who also spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity, said Juliet appeared to have been under the influence of alcohol during the altercation.

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According to the source, her action in damaging the man’s car further escalated the dispute.

The security source added that police operatives visited the scene shortly after the incident and arrested three suspects, including the man's wife.

When contacted on Thursday, the spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command, Abimbola Adebisi, confirmed the incident, noting that the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Pantí, for further investigation.

Adebisi said, "Three suspects, including two females and one male, have been arrested in connection with the incident. The case, along with the suspects, has been transferred to the State CID, Pantí, for further investigation."

This is not the first time a minor dispute has ended in tragedy.

PUNCH Metro reported in February that the Lagos State Police Command arrested a 23-year-old man, Gbolahan Adebayo, for allegedly beating his girlfriend to death at Ijedodo in the Alimosho Local Government Area of the state.

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Similarly, in June, PUNCH Metro reported that a 19-year-old upcoming Nigerian artiste identified simply as Destiny was beaten to death in the Volta Region of Ghana after he was accused of failing to remit funds related to a business venture he was introduced to.