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CRIME BEAT



Man kills wife, chops off daughter's finger

• Says I was provoked

Stories by Lukky Abawuru

A middle aged man, Ayodeji Oyelomi who allegedly killed his wife, Lara Bamiyo and also chopped off the fingers of his ten year old daughter who allegedly attempted to raise alarm during the killing has told the police in Lagos that he was provoked by his late wife,

Although he did not disclose the nature of the provocation, Daily Champion gathered that the man also seriously injured his in-law, Femi Bamiyo and threatened to set ablaze the father in-law's family house at Shasha in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State.

The suspect who spoke faintly during this interview said he killed his wife in his in-law's house. Our correspondent learnt that the suspect who is an agbereo in Oshodi went into the house of his late wife, at about mid night, forced the door open and stabbed the wife on the neck. He was said to have used his teeth to cut off the finger of his daughter who attempted to shout during the evil act.

Elder brother to the deceased, Femi said the suspect did not run after killing the sister, instead he laid on the bare floor beside his late wife as he purportedly watched the mother of his three children struggled to death.

Femi said that the knife was stucked into the neck of the deceased until few hours before the arrival of the police.

He said, 'Last week before the incident, he came to our house because my sister resided in our house for over six years now. The man came pretending to see his children. My sister went to party on that day so he could not see her. I told

him that my sister was away and he used the rod in his hand to beat me. He injured me and that day he threatened to burn down our house. We allowed him to go but on that fateful day he killed my sister, he sneaked into the house at mid night and stabbed the wife. The daughter that wanted to shout when he stabbed the mother is still in the hospital because he chopped off one of his fingers. He came with the knife. He concealed the knife and the rod inside a sac bag. After killing the wife she did not run but

laid beside the wife. When



Ayodeji The Murder suspect

I discovered the death of my sister, I ran to the nearby police station and reported the matter. Police later came and arrested her. My mother did not permit the marriage. He has been beating her and they had lived like cat and mouse. It was because of this that my sister refused to marry her and returned to our house. The couple has been separated for over six years". He said

Confirming the incident, Police spokesman Mr Frank Mba said the husband has long history of violence as there were several cases of beating and fighting as well as other sorts of battery against the wife before their separation in the past.

Mba, a Superintendent of police SP said "on the 25 of this month he gained entrance in the place where the woman was sleeping and unleashed terror on her, hacked her to death. He was arrested and the corpse deposited in a morgue.

... Another kills husband, flees

POLICE in Lagos have declared an intensive man hunt on a 28-year-old woman who allegedly killed her husband and fled to unknown destination.

The suspect was alleged to have escaped immediately the husband died

after treatment in a hospital.

The woman, Kate Obasi was said to have stabbed his husband on the lower abdomen. The husband, identified as Ifeanyi Obasi was allegedly rushed to an undisclosed hospital where he was urgently treated but later died.

Daily Champion gathered from Oko-Oba police station that Mr. Obasi, a commercial motor cyclist, popularly known as Okada, purportedly impregnated her and both started living together as husband and wife.

Neighbours who spoke to our correspondent at their residence at Oko-Oba Estate alleged that the couple lived like cat and mouse as they purportedly fought on each new day.

A witness said they had a minor quarrel which degenerated to a fight that resulted in her stabbing the husband. The neighbours also said that none of them know her relations as the deceased has not perfected the marriage rites.

Reacting, Police Spokes person, Mr. Frank Mba said the incident occurred on April 23rd this year. Describing the incident as an aggravated case of violence, Mba appealed to members of the public to assist the police by giving information on the whereabouts of the fleeing suspect.

The police spokesman said he has distributed her pictures to all areas for easy identifications. He noted that the police would not leave any stone unturned to fish out the suspect.

"We are already on her trail. We will distribute her pictures to several areas to enable the public assist us in fishing her out. We are appealing to neighbours and friends who know her whereabouts to contact the police". He said that both are cases of classic aggravated violence that had manifested over times, noting that the families did not report the case to the police or take necessary steps to

NDLEA wants stiffer penalty on drug suspects

NATIONAL Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has argued that the recent bail application granted to an ex-drug convict Godwin Utubor, 30, have attracted more people into the illicit money spinning drug business.

This was sequel to alleged 'harvest of arrests' of suspects, barely a week after the bail application was granted by Justice Jonathan Shinkarho of the Federal High Court Ikoji Lagos.

NDLEA spokes person Mr Mitchel Ofoyeju said 10 persons, suspected to be cocaine traffickers have been nabbed by operatives of the agency at Murtala Mohammed International Airport (MMIA) Lagos.

Daily Champion gathered that the latest suspects were said to have gone into the business following the news of the release of Utubor by the Court. The suspects were alleged to have expressed hope that the court may apply similar principle of bail in their cases should they be arrested and charged to court by NDLEA.

Five of the suspects were found to have ingested 4.370 kg of cocaine and 2.960 kg of heroin while others are still placed under observation list as at press time. The five suspects allegedly swallowed the substance in an attempt to evade arrest at the airport.

Justice Jonathan Shinkarho recently granted bail to Utubor in the sum of N1.2m with two sureties. The anti-narcotic agency had dragged Utubor to court, last year, for allegedly possessing and exporting 1.937kg of cocaine.

He was caught on Thursday June 11, 2009 at the central screening area at about 1913 hours during the outward clearance of passengers on an Alitalia flight to Frankfurt Germany.

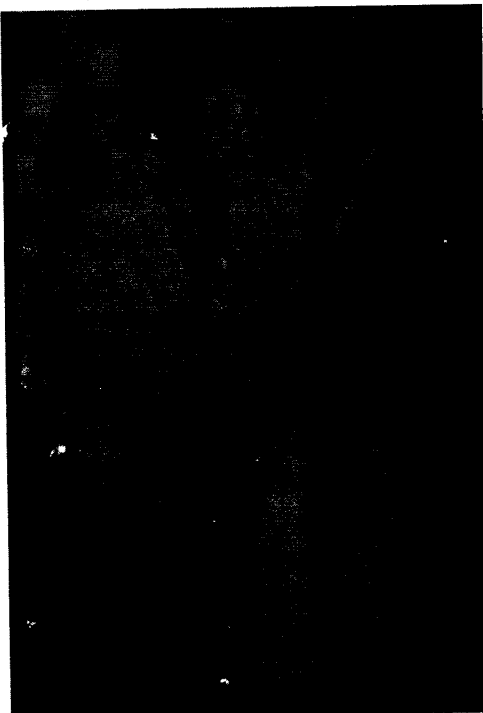
The suspect was earlier arrested at the Lagos airport on September 13, 2007 for ingesting 1.387 kg of cocaine and was allegedly sentenced to five months by Justice Ahmed Mohammed on December 3, 2007. After regaining his freedom in less than six months, Utubor went back into the illicit trade swallowing 1.937 kilograms of cocaine a quantity higher than what he was previously caught with.

Irrked by the bail granted to Utubor Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of NDLEA Ahmadu Giade, renewed his call on stakeholders to assist the agency to enthrone a drug free society.

"Drug control is a shared responsibility and every stakeholder must be actively involved. I would not be surprised if the ex-convict was re-arrested again for the third time".

He argued that a sentence of five months in a case involving drugs worth over 13 million naira will encourage rather than deter people from the criminal trade.

"We have discovered that the drug couriers and barons no longer have any fear for the courts as they seem to be sure of light sentences upon conviction. They seem to be more worried by the forfeiture of their drugs and the mention of their names and bio-data in the media".



Kate Obasi