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### Tenant stabs land lord to death over rent

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Police in Lagos have arrested a 37 year old tenant, Julius Zosu for allegedly killing his land lord, John Olatunji over house rent.

Daily Champion gathered that the suspect, currently held at the State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, Panti, Yaba, purportedly lured the deceased out of his flat before stabbing him on the neck.

The suspect told Daily Champion that he did not intend to kill the landlord but to injure him so that he (deceased) would give him a breathing space to raise money and pay him.

❖In fact I did not know that he is dead until now. I wanted to beat him so that he would be afraid of me. I went to his flat and lied to him that his car that was parked outside the gate has gutted fire and as he stepped outside to confirm what I said, I took knife and stabbed him❖❖

The block molder alleged that the deceased was immediately rushed to the nearby hospital but didn't know that the man later died.

Commenting on the incident that led to the death of his land lord and a co worshipper in an undisclosed white garment church, Zosu, an indigene of Ogun State, said ❖❖I am not sure that I owed him house rent but he came and told me that my rent has expired since February. I asked him to give me time to raise money. I wasn't too sure whether I owed him or not because he didn't issue me receipt. I only give him money for the payment of my one room apartment because we worshipped in same church❖❖

Weeping when the news of the death of his landlord was broken to him at Ikeja, yesterday, the suspect blamed the devil for his action.

When our correspondent visited the number 9 Iyesi road, Ilogbo near Morogbo a neighbour described the suspect as some body under the influence of drugs. ❖❖He smokes Indian hemp and all sorts of cigarettes. He acted under the influence of drug❖❖.

The neighbour who pleaded for anonymity described the deceased as a gentle man, adding that the suspect owed him several months of house rent, spanning over two years.

Confirming the incident, Lagos State police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba said the suspect used machete and stabbed the deceased. He added that the deceased died three days after the incident in the hospital.

The Superintendent of Police, (SP), noted that the suspect would be charged for inflicting injuries and murder.

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