

Man beat lover to death, commits suicide

Residents of 39, Alade Raji Street, Ijegan Road in Ikotun suburb of Lagos Thursday woke up with the bad news of how a 50-year-old man identified as Niyi Afolabi reportedly killed his lover during a fight and latter committed suicide.

Afolabi was said to have drank a poisonous substance when he realized that this lover, 45 years old Funmilayo Fatunsi gave up the ghost as a result of his assault on her. The two corpses were deposited at the Lagos state Teaching Hospital, mortuary, Ikeja by persons suspected to be relatives of the deceased lovers. When our correspondent visited the hospital, medical officials confirmed the report but declined to be quoted.

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Odua Trust learnt that the two late lovers were tenants in the house where the incident happened, but on inquiry, neighbours could not explained what exactly caused the quarrel between the lovers, even as they identified them as regular fighters in the compound.

"Most of the time, Afolabi passed the night in his lover's room. They had been together for a long time, hence the deceased are well known by co-tenants," said Mr Waheed Ajala who live in the same compound with the late lovers.

"We started hearing noise and shout from the room at

about 7Pm, but we thought it was the usual quarrel between them", another neighbour who preferred anonymity said.

According to Waheed, the noise coming out of the room of the lovers gradually subsided and when there was absolute quite, neighbours suspected something unusual and immediately reported to the police who came only to find the two lovers dead.

The Ikotun Police station currently handling the case confirmed the incident, saying that preliminary investigation and hospital findings indicated that the man died as a result of poison. However, detail investigation is on going, said the police.