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## Diesel seller killed over jerry can

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A 25-year-old diesel seller, Buhari Umar, last Sunday died in Mpape village, as a result of the injuries inflicted on him by one Shehu Ayuba, following a disagreement over a 50 litre jerry can.

An eyewitness, Sermon Jatau, said trouble stated on Thursday afternoon when Shehu Ayuba came to demand for a jerry can which he alleged Umar borrowed the previous day.

“Shehu who is doing the same diesel black market business with Buhari but in a different shop, came in company of his friend, Abdul Naye, to ask for his jerry can but Umar told him that he was not in possession of it and that he should look elsewhere,” he said.

According to him, an argument ensued which resulted in a fight but they were separated, adding that Shehu left with a threat that he was coming back to deal with Buhari.

He said Shehu and Abdul came later in company of other friends including some Okada riders to Umar’s shop brandishing weapons.

Sermon said Shehu and his group pounced on Umar despite pleas and inflicted serious injuries on his head and other parts of his body and fled when he fell down and became unconscious, adding that they also inflicted machete cuts on his back for wading into the matter.

“The suspects, after the attack, inflicted razor blade cuts on their body and went to report at the Mpape police station that it was Umar who inflicted the cuts on them,” he said

He said they were surprised when police came to arrest Umar as they were about taking him to the hospital for treatment, saying he had a case to answer at the station

When police saw the injuries inflicted on him, they ordered us to immediately take him to the hospital and detained three of the Buhari-led assailants who went to report that they were attacked by Buhari.

He said Umar was taken to a hospital at Mpape where he was referred to the National hospital for intensive care but he died on Sunday.

The unfortunate thing was that a day after Umar was attacked, the persons who borrowed the jerry can returned it to Shehu.

At Mpape police station, a police officer who pleaded anonymity confirmed the incident, saying the case has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation department (CID) for investigations.

When contacted, the FCT Police Command Public Relations officer, Jimoh Moshood, said he has not been briefed and that he will get back to the reporter after contacting the DPO of Mpape police station.

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