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### Lady kills friend with razor blade

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A 22 year old woman in Lagos, Ijeoma Ibezim, used a razor blade to kill her friend, a 25-year old salesgirl, by cutting her in the face following a quarrel over a bucket of water, the police in Lagos said yesterday.

**T**hey said the two ladies lived together with two other ladies in the same one-room apartment in the Ajegunle area of Apapa local government area of the state, and that they had been living together without problems until last Saturday, when a minor argument ensued between them.

Ijeoma was brought to the information department of the state police command in handcuffs yesterday. according to the police, she said in her confessional statement that Ada Okeke was a good friend of hers and that on Saturday, they were about to take their baths when a mild disagreement started over who should be the first to make use of their bathing bucket.

According to witnesses, the disagreement later degenerated into exchange of blows, and the two girls mercilessly exchanged blows until neighbours came out and separated them. The two girls then stopped the fight and dispersed.

However, the police said, Ada Okeke started doing other chores in the house without suspecting that her friend was still very bitter as a result of the teeth bite she sustained during the fight. They said Ijeoma quietly went into their room, armed herself with a new razor blade and attacked Ada, who was caught totally unawares. Superintendent Frank Mba told Daily Trust that the suspect grabbed her friend and cut her across the face with the new blade. The victim's nose and cheek were cut open, he said. She raised an alarm and was rushed immediately to a nearby hospital for urgent medical attention. However, Ada died after a few hours due to excessive bleeding.

Ijeoma told the police that she did not intend to kill her friend with the blade but only wanted to revenge because of the teeth bite she sustained during the fight. "My intention was just to also cut her face as she tried to disfigure my face. I did not plan to kill her with the razor blade. I am really sorry for everything that happened, please forgive me," she said. The police spokesman told our reporter that Ijeoma will be charged to court very soon for homicide.

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# **Mr. — Uluba Mai Jawur Esq,** 2010-02-02 11:38

The incident is very unfortunate and could have been avoided. While I express my heartfelt condolence to the family of the deceased, I take a firm view that Ijeoma Ibezim be charged to court without further delay so that justice will take its full course. Such cases should be discouraged and condemned.

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