

Police hunt pastor's son over murder of brother

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Homicide detectives from the Lagos State police command have commenced a hunt for Fortune Ikechukwu Nwekegbu for allegedly stabbing his younger brother to death on Sunday at Shasha, Lagos.

Our correspondent gathered that Ikechukwu, whom the police described as the son of a pastor, had engaged his brother, Chinaza, in an argument over how to spend the sum of N500 their mother had given them.

A police source said, "The deceased and his elder brother were residing with their parents at Tokunbo House, Kamoru Street, Orisumbare, in Shasha, Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos.

"Trouble erupted between Fortune and Chinaza after their mother gave the younger brother N500 as transport fare for both of them to attend church service. Fortune maintained that the money should be split into N250 each but Chinaza was unable to do so.

"The suspect then demanded that the money be handed over to him, a request his brother refused. An argument then ensued over that. In the heat of the argument, Fortune grabbed a glass cup, smashed it on the ground and stabbed his brother in the neck.

"Realising what has happened to his brother, Fortune rushed Chinaza to Jumoike Hospital at Orisumbare, where the brother eventually died.

The suspect then bolted and his father, Pastor Nwekegbu, reported the incident to the police."

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Bala Elkana, said investigation was on going into the matter.