

Briton in police net for attack on money changer

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A British national, James Ferguson, is now cooling his heels in a police cell in Lagos after he was arrested following a vicious attack on a bureau d'change operator on Victoria Island.

The attack was said to have been carried out in an attempt to rob the operator of his money.

Ferguson was said to

have lured the operator, Saka Biobaku to Panache Hotel, at No. 16, Ozumba Mbadiwe Street, where he allegedly hit Biobaku with a cudgel, in an attempt to kill him.

According to the victim, the Briton had contacted him at Obalende and had asked him to come along with N1.2 million in exchange for four thousand pound sterling, which he brought to the

place.

On getting to the hotel, Ferguson was said to have invited Biobaku into his room, collected the naira equivalent from him and asked him to sit down and wait for him to fetch the Pound Sterling.

Instead of bringing the pound sterling equivalent, Ferguson was said to have appeared with a cudgel with which he hit the operator on the head,

attempting to kill him. He was said to have hit the victim severally on the head until he collapsed.

It was gathered that but for the intervention of some of the workers at the hotel, who were attracted by the cry of Biobaku, he would have been killed, as Ferguson was found with some weapons when the hotel staff broke into his room and rescued Biobaku

from his hands.

They were said to have later invited the police to the scene while the injured Biobaku was taken to a nearby hospital.

The suspect was said to have been taken away to the Victoria Island Police Station, where he confessed to the crime.

According to a police officer who spoke to Daily Times in anonymity, Ferguson may soon be transferred to State Anti-Robbery Squad.