

# Quarrelling parents stab baby to death

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**T**EARS flowed freely yesterday at Ikorodu area of Lagos when a month-old baby girl was stabbed to death following a fight between her parents.

Scores of residents, who besieged the residence, made urgent call to the police who in a swift response arrested the parents and took them to the Ikorodu Police Station, where they were first detained.

*The Guardian* learnt that the scream of the baby attracted residents and on getting to the scene, they met the young baby in the pool of her blood while the parents watched helplessly.

The couple were arrested by a team of detectives, who took them to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Pantti, Yaba, for further investigation.

Sources said the parents of the baby were allegedly fighting and one of them attempted to stab the other with a knife only to wound the baby girl.

Eyewitness told *The Guardian* that the parents were weeping when detectives came to arrest them. They were later detained at the SCID Pantti.

The State Police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), who confirmed the incident, also gave the name of the girl's father as Mr. Jacob Esikat and the mother as Esther Esikat. The name of the dead baby was given as Ekemeni.

The incident occurred at No. 21 Laise Street, Ikorodu at about 3 a.m.