

Man overstays in hotel, robs, kills lodger to offset bills

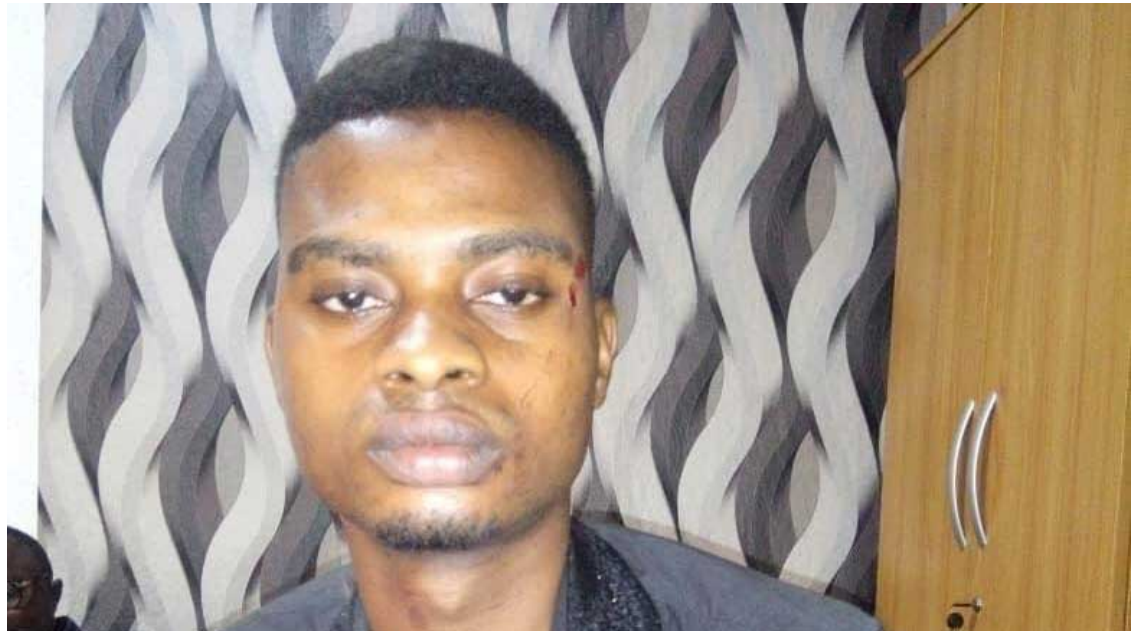
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The Lagos State police command has arrested a suspect who allegedly murdered a female lawyer in her hotel room some weeks ago in the metropolis. On January 26, the command received a report that one Feyitayo Obot, female, aged 34, was gruesomely murdered in her hotel room at Opebi, Ikeja by one Joshua Usulor, aged 21.

Sequel to the report, the command commissioned its homicide detectives to the scene at Opebi, Ikeja where they collected some exhibits for forensic analysis. According to Lagos State police spokesman, Chike Oti, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), the victim's body, which had multiple stab wounds on the abdominal region and a throat slit open with a sharp object, was recovered for autopsy.

“Although the suspect absconded after committing the crime, the Commissioner of Police, CP Zubairu Muazu, charged the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID), Panti Yaba, DCP Yetunde Longe, to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the culprit is arrested and prosecuted.



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“Painstaking investigation however led to the arrest of the suspect, Joshua Usulor, on February 28, at his hideout in Victoria Island, Lagos. During interrogation, the suspect confessed to have committed the crime. He said he had never met the deceased until the day he attacked her and that he was motivated to rob her to enable him offset his hotel bill having spent two days above the one-day he paid for.

“To execute his plans undetected, he claimed he sneaked into the deceased room to steal her money and her phones. The deceased struggled with him but was overpowered. He

then stabbed her with a sharp knife on the stomach and used the same knife to slit her throat. Satisfied that the woman was dead, he made away with her phones and a cash sum of N26,000.

“Investigation revealed that the deceased was a lawyer who came to Lagos for a business meeting and lodged in a hotel at Opebi. The autopsy result revealed that the following factors led to the death of the victim: Exsanguination, which implies excessive loss of blood; Disruption of the left jugular vein and sharp force trauma.



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“The suspect will be charged to court for murder. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police has directed that the case file be duplicated and forwarded to the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice”, he said.

In a related development, one Amara Ezeodum, was yesterday nabbed by ‘eagle-eyed’ policemen on anti crime patrol at No. 66, Olaitan Sebanjo Street, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos. The cry of one Miss Oluwatosin Graig, who was robbed by the suspect, attracted the policemen led by CSP Isah Abdulmajid, to the scene. The officers gave the felon a hot chase, arrested and recovered his gun from him. The CP has commended the efforts of the Anti Crime Patrol team of Maroko Police Station and urged other police formations within the command to emulate them.

