

# Police arrest teenager for stabbing friend to death in Ogun

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*SP Omolola Odutola*

The Ogun State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of a teenager, Olamide Phillips, for allegedly stabbing his friend, Moses Odeh, to death during a fight on Obalende Street in the Isara area of the state.

The incident reportedly occurred at about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday at their parents' residence in the community. The command's spokesperson, CSP Omolola Odutola, who confirmed the arrest yesterday, said the parents of Phillips and Odeh were family friends.

According to Odutola, Phillips' mother had informed Odeh's father, Osapa, that Phillips stole N5,000 from her bank account. While the exact cause of the quarrel remains unclear, the fight broke out when Odeh walked in while his father was reprimanding Phillips.

Despite efforts by the parents to separate the two, Phillips reportedly grabbed an object and stabbed Odeh in the stomach. Odeh was rushed to Kings Hospital for treatment but succumbed to his injuries in the early hours of Monday, March 3.

The deceased's body has been taken to the General Hospital in Isara for an autopsy, while the suspect has been detained," Odutola said.

She added that after Odeh's death, police operatives from the Isara Division launched a manhunt for Phillips, eventually arresting him in Ipara Remo, a neighbouring community where he had been hiding. The case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCID) in Abeokuta for further investigation.