

Why I Killed My Neighbour-Suspect

Henry Okechukwu Orji is at present being detained at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti Street, Yaba, Lagos for allegedly killing a man who attempted to rape his younger sister. He told our REPORTER, Andrew Utulu, he caught the deceased in his own room trying to sleep with his young sister.

Excerpts:

Who are you?

My name is Henry Okechukwu Orji. I live at

No. 33, Oshin Folarin Street, Bariga. I am 23 years old.

What do you do for a living?

I am a trader. I deal in medicine at Idomota Market. I buy and sell because I am yet to own a shop.

Why were you detained here?

I had a fight with someone. He was Mr. Victor. I wounded him in his head and he died a month after we fought.

What did the deceased do for a living?

I don't know what he was doing, but we were neighbours. We lived in the same compound.

What caused the

fighting?

I caught him trying to make love to my younger sister. As we were trying to settle the matter, he started a fight. Along the line, he brought a knife and I also brought out an iron rod. Both of us wounded each other, but a month later, he died.

How old is that your younger sister?

She is above 19 years, but less than 20 years. She lives with me.

How did you know he wanted to make love to your sister?

I caught him right inside my own room.

We understand your sister consented to his amorous moves and that

you were not happy about that?

My sister told me the man had been disturbing her and that she did not want the relationship. That particular day, he wanted to make love with her forcefully. She showed me the condom he brought to convince her that he was not going to do it without condom. But that was not the most important thing that caused the fight. He was the one that started the fight, because he was angry.

How old was the deceased?

He was an elderly man. He was married and his wife lived with him. He had three children. That's all I know about him.