

# Man Kills Father Over Cocoa Farm

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A 35-year old man, Mr. Olu Benson recently in Odo-Ekiti, Ekiti State killed his 78-year old father, Mr. Egunlayi Benson, over his landed property.

Narrating the incident to newsmen, one of the wives of the late cocoa farmer, Mrs. Victoria Egunlayi said Olu Benson axed his father to death over dispute on landed cocoa property, which the father has shared out to all the children but Olu was infringing on other children's share of the property.

Victoria said the son killed the father with axe after several machet cuts in the head before the old man gave up the ghost in the process, at their isolated farmhouse. The woman said the son ran away when

he saw that the man was dead.

She noted that she was attracted to the scene when she heard the noise of her late husband while she was preparing his food. She added that the suspect fully armed with cutlass and axe overpowered the father in front of the house where he eventually killed him.

The wife noted that the suspect immediately after killing his father and he confirmed that the man was dead ran away with his wife who was around during the killing.

Victoria said the elder brother of the suspect, Rufus Benson, who rushed to invite the police to the scene came shortly, after the

suspect had left with six policemen who on arrival could not even go near the scene of the incident with a view that the suspect could be hiding somewhere in the bush and might want to launch an attack.

Narrating further, the wife said the crux of the matter which has been on for many years, was on the sharing formula of the property which the suspect was not happy with. "He has been infringing on other children's property and has always threatened to kill anybody who cross his way," the wife of the deceased man narrated.

At the scene of the murder act at Odo-Ekiti, the Odo-Olofin of Odo-Ekiti, Chief

Adekunle Atoki who spoke with newsmen stated that before the policemen could come to the scene, the suspect had killed his father and ran away, adding that nobody could go near him because he was armed with dangerous weapons.

He confirmed that there has been argument on the landed property for over ten years, just as he revealed that the late Egunlayi Benson had seven wives and many children but Olu who killed his father, is from the fourth wife and the only child of his mother.

The suspect, after carrying out the act, vanished into thin air through a commercial bus. The blood of the man was still visibly noticed in front of the house at the farm site.

Youths of the town reacting in anger to the incident razed down the building of the suspect.