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Boy, 16, Kills Mate Over Lotto Slip

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Police detectives from the homicide unit of the Lagos State Police Command Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) have arrested a 16-year-old boy, Segun Adegboyega, for allegedly stabbing another boy, Taiwo Akomolafe, a Junior Secondary School (JSS) student, to death.

A competent police source said that the incident occurred on Saturday at about 9.30pm at No. 3 Okeleku Ijede Road, Ikorodu, a Lagos suburb.

The police source added that the incident followed a minor argument between the duo over the loss of a Lagos Lotto slip, said to have contained the victim's winning numbers.

It was gathered that the victim lived in the same compound with his killer.

Both of them were said to have been playing the Lagos Lotto lucky dip together without any problem until the fateful day when the victim was invited by the retailer of the lotto to come for his winning bonus.

This development reportedly triggered the anger of his friend who, sources said, had never hit the jackpot since he had been playing the game.

It was learnt that following the good news, the victim rushed to where he kept his slip but later discovered that it has been removed by an unknown person.

"He suspected his friend since he was the only person who knew where the slip was kept.

"You know, they have to hide the entire lucky dip thing away from their parents; so the suspect had gone to cash the money with the slip. Along the line, however, his friend got wind of it and ran to the place, that is where they fought themselves", one source narrated.

Police image maker in the state, Bode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident and said investigation into it has begun.