

How I killed my mother

Bizarre as it may seem, a 26-year old woman has confessed to killing her mother with a sledge hammer. Adebukola Adefisayo, an Amercican returnee, accused her mother of being a witch, among others. JUDE ISIGUZO reports.

I loved mother so much, but would it had been better if mother killed me with the sledge hammer?" Those were the words of a 26 year-old mother of two, who was paraded yesterday by the Lagos State Police Command, for allegedly killing her mother. She was alleged to have hit her 62 year-old mother with a sledge hammer in the head at their Surulere, Lagos Mainland home. The suspect, Adebukola Adefisayo, a self-confessed drug addict, was arrested by police detectives attached to Aguda Police Station, Surulere. Addressing reporters yesterday, Adebukola, who spoke with heavy American accent, said she killed her mother, Adedoyin Josephine Williams, for allegedly being a witch. She accused her of killing one of her siblings, Bunmi, who, she said, was used for money ritual. The suspect also accused her late mother of sexually abusing her 12 year-old housemaid simply identified as Segun. "I came back to Nigeria because I missed my mother so much. I was on cocaine. After I took weed, I had a flash back of all the things that had happened to me in my life. Our housemaid told me that mother was a witch and abused him sexually," Adebukola said. The Accounting graduate of Oklahoma University, United States, claimed that her mother introduced her to drugs at the age of nine,



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•Woman, 26, confesses

adding that she has found it hard to leave because nobody took her to a rehabilitation home.

On how she killed her mother, Adebukola said after taking the "weed", she confronted her mother

with the allegations which she owned up to.

"My mother came in around 9:45 p.m. and when she saw me she asked what it was and promised to tell me whatever I wanted to know.

"I held a sledge hammer that was beside the chair and I said 'mother if you do not tell me the truth I am going to hit you with this'. My mother said it has not got to that, that she was going to tell me the truth. She even offered to write me a N2 million cheque, but I said no mother, money don't buy love," she said

Adebukola noted that the most painful was her mother's confession that she was responsible for Buki's death.

"We were so broke. All of a sudden my sister died; all of a sudden we became very rich. It's not so cool," she said.

As mother and daughter spoke, Adebukola held on tightly to the sledge hammer.

An argument ensued, hot exchange of words and then a fight.

A fight was said to have ensued between them and Adebukola hit her with the hammer on the head and instructed the housemaid to pour acid on her face.

"We had a fight. Mother wanted to take the sledge hammer from me. She bit me all over my hands. You can see human bites. She rolled me over and I rolled her over. By this time, there was blood everywhere. She made incantations and the house help told her that the

mirrors were covered and that nobody would come to help her. He knew this because both of them belonged to the same society. Then, I hit my mother on the right side of her head," Adebukola said.

With her mother's lifeless body lying in the pool of her own blood, the suspect checked into a hotel with the house help.

It was from the hotel that she called her elder sister in the United States to tell her what she did.

The sister, who could not believe her ears, called their mother telephone lines and when she was not taking her calls, she called one of her mother's siblings, who went to the house and confirmed that what Adebukola had done.

In her confession, the suspect, who referred to herself as a murderer, said she loves her mother so much but that her mother would have killed her with the hammer if she had not.

Adebukola said she left Nigeria for the US at the age of 15 and came back in 2007 after serving her prison terms in Las Vegas where she was convicted for attempted murder of a neighbour during a fight over a laundry machine in the basement of her apartment.

Lagos Police spokesman Frank Mba said Commissioner of Police Marvel Akpoyibo has directed that the case should be transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Pantti, Yaba, for further investigation.

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