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A 24-year old man Leki Ogunyemi, has been arrested for allegedly killing his friend following a disagreement over ownership of a pair of bathroom slippers.

The suspect and the victim, Tajudeen Iyajobi, 30, live in the same wooden apartment, with seven other occupants at Ijadu, Ketu, a Lagos suburb.

The police said the incident took place on September 20.

Ogunyemi said he woke up on the fateful day to discover that his bathroom slippers and his Mp4 player were missing.

He said none of his roommates could tell him where to find them.

Soon, A fight later ensued between him and one of the occupants, identified as Demola whom he alleged stole his slippers.

Iyajobi was said to have tried to stop Ogunyemi from fighting Demola. Another fight started between Ogunyemi and Iyajobi, a commercial bus driver and a father of two.

He allegedly died from the stab wound he received from Ogunyemi.

Speaking in pidgin, Ogunyemi said: "I come Lagos for 1999, I be conductor before I come become bus driver.

"Na inside pako(wooden) house we dey live for Ijadun, Ketu. We be like nine for inside the house. One day, na so I wake up and I no see my slippers and my Mp4 player for where I keep am for the place wey I dey sleep." Ogunyemi said he asked the other occupants about his missing items but they said they knew nothing about the items. "As them say them no know where my things dey, I come vex. Demola dey live with us but him don comot from house, so I go meet am for him shop. I ask am say him carry my things? But him say no, I come see my slippers for him leg, I come say no be my slippers be this?

"Him no talk, so I collect my slippers from him leg, I tell am say make him produce my Mp5 player but him say him no take am, so I come drag Demola back to the place we dey stay, so that everybody go help me beg am make him bring my Mp5 player."

Ogunyemi said he did not intend to kill Mr. Tajudeen.

"The fight no concern Taju, him come hold me say make I leave Demola, he hold my shirt come turn me round, I fall for ground, I tell am say, why him no want me to caught the person wen steal my thing, but Taju no gree me.

"As I see say him serious to fight me, I come dey wonder say wetin come concern Taju for this matter now? I warn am make him no fight me, he come rush go carry axe to cut me. As I see say Taju mean to fight me na so I go carry dagger, As we dey struggle, na so the dagger shoke (pierce) am for belly," Ogunyemi said.

The police said Iyajobi died shortly after he was stabbed in the lower abdomen.

The case has been transferred to the state Criminal Investigation Department at Panti Yaba.

An officer from the Homicide department at Panti, who did not want to be named, said an autopsy report would determine the cause of death.

"We are still investigating the case and as soon as the autopsy report is out, the suspect will be charged to court."

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