Man kills brother over VCDs

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A dispute over the ownership of some Video Compact Discs (VCDs) has led to the death of a 35 year-old man, Phillip Alonge, who was allegedly killed by his younger brother, Sunday.

Sunday allegedly macheted his brother, who died at Nwani Medical Centre, where he was rushed to.

The incident occurred at the family home in Idatto Quarters, Uokha, Owan East Local Government of Edo State.

The widow, Endurance, said trouble started when her husband, who worked as a bricklayer, returned from work and discovered that some VCDs were missing from his collection.

She said Phillip traced them to Sunday, but attempts to retrieve them led to a fracas between the brothers.

Her words: "Attempts by my husband to recover the VCDs resulted to a fight between him and his younger brother.

"This further degenerated and Sunday threatened several times to eliminate my husband at all cost.

"My husband never attached any seriousness to the death threat.

"But now, he has made good his threat. Now he has turned me to a widow."

The victim's uncle, Jacob Alonge, said his nephew was murdered over a trivial matter.

He urged the police to ensure that justice is done.

The clinic's Chief Medical Director, Dr. Felix Nwani, said the late Alonge died because he lost too much blood.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Afuze, Bolanle Murtala, confirmed the incident.

According to him, Sunday has been arrested and is now assisting the police in their investigations.

He said the suspect would be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed. Alonge's remains have been deposited at a mortuary.

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