

Bricklayer 'kills' labourer with shovel

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A bricklayer has been arrested by detectives attached to the Ogonbo Police Division: His offence: Allegedly killing with a shovel, a labourer who was working with him on a construction project.

The incident occurred around 9am on May 7 at the construction site located at Osungotodo, Ogombo, a Lagos suburb, along the Epe/Lekki Expressway.

The suspect, Alaba Jona and the deceased, Segun Peters, were said to be working on the site.

Jona was the bricklayer in charge of the building, while the late Peters supplied mixed sand, cement and gravel.

The Nation learnt that around 10am, the late Peters complained of tiredness and hunger and sought to be allowed to rest, but the complaint did not go down well with Jona, who forcefully collected his shovel.

"He tried to continue mixing the sand and cement, but Peters collected the shovel from him, did the mixing and lifted the head pan filled with mixed sand and cement. He was about placing it on his head when Jona collected the shovel from him and hit him on his stomach. Peters' stomach ripped open and he slumped. He died before help could arrive. Jona absconded from the site and was later arrested by policemen in a nearby village where he had gone to hide," a source said.

Police sources confirmed the incident, adding that the suspect had been caught.

Peters' remains were said to have been deposited at a morgue on the Island, while Jona was moved to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba.