

# Horror as house boy hacks magistrate to death

Barely two days after a police officer, Sunkanmi Ogunbiyi, went berserk, killing self, wife and five others in the Akingbala area Abeokuta, another tragedy struck yesterday in Abeokuta, Ogun State capital, as a house boy, identified simply as David, butchered his former employer, a retired Senior Magistrate (Mrs.) Olufunmilayo Timehin.

David, an Igede boy from Benue State, was a former house help of Magistrate Timehin, but was sacked two months ago, following alleged theft of his boss' phones and gold chains.

It was gathered that David was arrested by the police while trying to sell the phones at the Oke-Ilewo area of the state capital, but was later let off the

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hook.

But yesterday he allegedly stole into the Laderin Estate home of the Magistrate on Ikereku road last night, and scaled the high rise perimeter fence, entered the serene compound and hid himself at a vantage point, waiting for his victim to come out of the house.

According to sources, by cruel twist of fate, Mrs. Timilehin was said to have walked into the ambush laid for by David, who attacked her with a machete, as she stepped out of the house to open the gate for her son who was returning home at the time.

Unaware of what was happening to

his mother inside the compound, the son was said waited endlessly for his mother to open the gate, while she struggled with her assailant, who had overpowered the old woman at the time.

David was about to escape from the scene of the crime when operatives of the Ogun State Vigilante Service Organisation (VSO) apprehended him. He was later handed him over to the police.

The remains of retired the Magistrate was later evacuated from the scene at 7:13pm and taken to an undisclosed morgue in Abeokuta in a Toyota Sienna ambulance, marked (Ogun) AY 106AAB, and accompanied by no fewer than seven senior police officers.

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