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Man beats girlfriend to death

OPERATIVES of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested a man for allegedly beating his girlfriend to death.

The incident occurred during a fight between them on Monday in Odogunyan, Ikorodu.

It was gathered that the deceased, a 20-year-old woman, simply identified as Kemi, was said to have visited the suspect, an auto mechanic simply identified as Muiyiwa, at his workshop in Rufu about noon.

A source said few minutes after her arrival, there was

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an argument over some money the woman had earlier demanded, adding: "On that fateful day, she told Muiyiwa she would not leave his workshop if he did not give her the money. We all kept quiet at first, expecting them to settle their differences. But suddenly, a fight ensued. In the process, Muiyiwa pushed Kemi and she landed on the ground, hitting her head on a brick. She lay motionless. Everyone thought she was pretending. At that point, Muiyiwa dragged her in-

side the workshop and told us she was alright. But to our surprise, we later heard she was dead."

Neighbours alerted policemen at nearby Shagamu Road Police Station, who came take the corpse to the mortuary for autopsy.

The suspect reportedly fled to a church where he hid in an abandoned office and later joined other worshippers in a vigil. But unknown to him, one of the worshippers who lives around the area where the incident occurred sighted

him and alerted the police who came to arrest him.

Police sources at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, where the suspect is being held said he expressed regrets over the death of his girlfriend.

"I was angry because she threatened to quit the relationship because I did not give her the money she requested for," the suspect reportedly told operatives.

Spokesperson of the state police command, Ngozi Braide, said she was yet to be briefed on the matter.

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