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'I was using broken bottle to ward off my friend, I didn't know when I stabbed him'

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TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Michael Ogungbenro claimed that Timothy (surname unknown) was his childhood friend but those who heard his story wondered on the kind of 'friendship' that existed between the two that could have led Ogungbenro to stab his so-called friend to death.

Ogungbenro and Timothy were from Igangan in Oke Ogun area of Oyo State. They were also okada riders who were plying their business in Ibadan. However, their inability to manage a little disagreement led to Timothy's death on Sunday, June 30, after Ogungbenro allegedly stabbed his friend to death, right in their hometown.



Crime Reports gathered that Ogungbenro's arrest would have been an impossibility, save for the doctor of the private hospital where he took Timothy to, after he had been stabbed.

What led to a quarrel between the two friends actually started two days before Timothy's death. According to Ogungbenro, "on Friday, June 28, I had prepared to go to Igangan on a visit and had bought some clothes which I tied in a polythene bag. I later saw that the bag had been tampered with and the clothes which I folded neatly were rumpled.

"I enquired on who perpetrated the act but Timothy did not respond. I demanded an explanation but he asked what I would do if the culprit did not own up. I guessed he was the one and asked him why he

tampered with my belongings. He replied, asking what I would do to him. He started throwing punches at me and we had a fight. He knew I was going to our hometown and he also said he would come.

"I left for Igangan on that Friday and he came on Saturday evening. On Sunday, I was told by some of our friends who also went home from Ibadan that Timothy was looking for me and had threatened that he was going to deal with me. I wondered what I did to him that warranted the threat.

"Timothy went to the workshop of one of our masters, repairing his motorcycle there. I went to meet him and asked what I did to him that warranted his threat. Instead of responding to my question, he started using the spanner he was holding to hit me repeatedly. I was trying to protect myself but had nothing with me. I saw a bottle nearby and broke it and started using it to defend myself.

"I didn't know how the jagged ends of the broken bottle pierced his neck and he started bleeding. We bought sachet of water to clean

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the wound but the bleeding did not stop. At a point, he said he was getting tired, so I put him on the motorcycle and took him to a private clinic. When we got there, we were referred to General Hospital, Igboora.

"I chartered a cab to take him but before we could get to Igboora, he died." The story was confirmed by the police image maker in Oyo State, DSP Olabisi Ilobanafor, who told Crime Reports that the suspect was being interrogated at the state CID.

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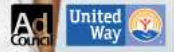
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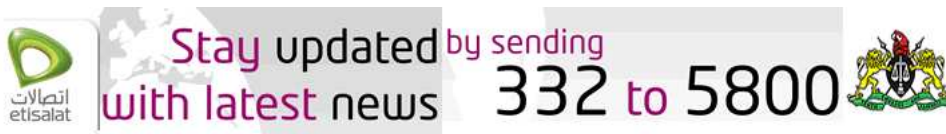


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