

CRIME REPORTS

I stabbed my friend screw driver in error —Teenager

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A minor issue surrounding the deflation of one of the tyres of a motorcycle belonging to one John Iyanu, a resident of Oyedeji village in Lagelu Local Government area of Oyo State has led to the death of the 25-year-old man, while the suspected killer, Lasisi Abass (16) is currently cooling his heels in detention at the State Criminal Investigation Department of the Oyo State Police Command.

Iyanu and Abass, said to have been friends,

reportedly got into a fight at about 2.15p.m. on November 1, 2014 at the village market where the latter was working as a vulcaniser, after the deceased discovered that the tyre of the motorcycle he had earlier taken to Abass was flat.

Though Abass denied knowing anything about how the tyre got deflated, Iyanu was said to have refused to accept his friend's explanation and before Abass knew what was what was happening, heavy and rapid blows landed on his face, blinding him.

Before the young vulcaniser could recover from the biting pain, Iyanu was said to have bent his frame, scooped a handful of sand and threw it into Abass' face. Infuriated by these actions, Abass, who was reportedly using a screw driver to work on a tyre before the altercation started, stabbed Iyanu on the upper part of the right chest in frustration.

Crime Reports learnt that the young man fell down, bleeding profusely from the sight of wound. He was quickly rushed towards a nearby hospital but, unfortunately, died before he could get there. The case was said to have been reported at Iyana offa police station at about 3p.m. same day and Abass was promptly arrested and his case was transferred to SCID, Iyaganku for further investigation.

But Abass told Crime Reports during an interview that his act was not deliberate. "Iyanu was my friend and we used to interact very well. I am from Oyedeji village in Oyo State. I live with my grandmother in the village and my parents are dead. I am the last of six children of my parents. I stopped schooling after Primary Six because my grandmother could not afford to sponsor my education.

"I started learning vulcanizing and I was still with my boss when this incident occurred. That day, I used my boss's motorcycle to take some passengers. I returned to our shop and went to look for something to eat. On my second return, I was surprised when I was accused by Iyanu that I deflated the tyres of his motorcycle.

"Iyanu had earlier come to my shop that he wanted to repair the deflated tyre and I asked him to go and buy a tube so that I would fix it. It was from there he was pushed back to me with the accusation. I implored him to be patient, saying I knew

nothing about what he was saying.

"Before I knew it, he started raining blows on my eye. He also threw sand into the eye. When I could no longer bear the treatment, I attacked him with the screw driver I was holding and it entered his chest. I did not have the intention of killing Iyanu because he was my friend."

Crime Reports learnt that Oyediji community leaders had been coming to the State Criminal Investigation Department concerning the case, and had been giving good account of the suspect, saying that he had always been known as gentle and easy-going.

But the police image maker in Oyo State, Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor said that the case would be charged to court where it would be determined whether the suspect has a case to answer or not.

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