

Teacher kills employer's granddaughter over unpaid salaries

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A private school teacher in Ogun State, has allegedly killed a 10-year-old granddaughter of the proprietor of the school where he teaches in Esugbon community, Itamerin, Ijebu-Ife area of Ogun State.

The motive behind the killing of the innocent child, was said to be due to the inability of his employer to pay his salaries for the month of January and February.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the suspect who was a class teacher at Favour Nursery and Primary School, Itamerin, attacked his victim outside the school premises, where she had gone to buy biscuits.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident. He said the matter was reported by the proprietor of the school at about 2.00pm on the fateful day.

He said, " On Thursday, at about 2.00pm, one Pastor Joseph Olutoye of Ijebu-Imushin, owner of Favour Nursery and Primary School, Esugbon, reported one Edet Umoren, a teacher in the school for killing Precious Adedeji, aged 10 years with knife in a nearby bush around 11.00a.m.

"The suspect left a written note at the scene of the crime that the proprietor who happens to be the grandfather of the victim is owing him three months salaries and that was why he killed the girl.

"He fled the area, but around 5.00am on Friday, a team of Police and Vigilance men arrested the suspect at Ijebu-Imushin."

Adejobi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said that the State Commissioner of Police, Abdulmajid Ali, had ordered that the case be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department of the Command.

He further said that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue for autopsy and investigation.

The victim, according to information, was accompanied by her grandmother and a friend Patricia, at the time of the incident.

The incident happened last Thursday, a day after the victim clocked 10 years.

Both the grandmother of the victim and friend were reported to have escaped through the bush path and informed the school authority about the ugly incident.

The suspect was said to have dragged the girl into the bush and committed the heinous act.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the victim, Miss Precious Adedeji, just turned 10 years last Wednesday.

Speaking with newsmen, the proprietor of the school, Pastor Joseph Olutoye, said he had promised to pay the alleged killer teacher as soon as he received his own monthly salary from his place of work before the unfortunate incident.

The cleric, said the suspect left two notes at the scene of the crime, informing them that the gruesome murder of the young girl was as a result of the inability of the school management to pay his outstanding salaries.

He equally told newsmen that he had planned to terminate Umoren's appointment following his alleged unruly behaviour in recent past.

Pastor Olutoye said the suspect who was also the Treasurer of his church allegedly stole a sum of N250,000 and that the matter was reported to the Police.

He said, "Edet resumed school this morning (Thursday) like every of our staff and we discovered that he left around 10:00am not knowing he went to plan this evil."