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Man kills neighbour over electricity bill in Lagos

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A man identified as Temitayo (surname withheld) narrowly escaped being killed after he allegedly stabbed his co-tenant to death during an argument over electricity bill in Lagos.

The suspect, who is still receiving treatment at an unnamed police facility, reportedly stabbed Oludotun Opeyemi to death at their residence at Number 4, Sebi Kazeem Street, Ikotun.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, while speaking on the incident, said the suspect would be charged to court as soon as he is certified medically fit.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the suspect, who had featured in some Nollywood movies, stabbed the deceased with a kitchen knife.

Temitayo and some of his co-tenants were said to have, some days ago, been involved in a disagreement over the building's electricity bill.

The argument degenerated into a serious fight between the suspect and the deceased, which made the suspect go for a kitchen knife with which he stabbed the deceased in the chest.

A police source at Ikotun police station said "the suspect himself narrowly escaped death as people in the area descended on him and almost lynched him."

He added that "by the time our men arrived there, he had been badly beaten and was almost dead."

However, Elkana said: "The suspect has been arrested and he is still receiving treatment in our facility. He narrowly escaped death as a result of mob action."

The police spokesperson said the suspect would be charged to court as soon as he is fit to face the law.

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