

Man beats wife to death during scuffle

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A man is now in the custody of the State Criminal Investigation Department, Lagos State Police Command, for allegedly beating his wife to death during a domestic scuffle.

Although the cause of the scuffle could not be ascertained as at press time, our correspondent learnt that the suspect, identified simply as Akanmu, engaged his wife in the fight in their residence at Alagutan, Ajah in Lagos, Saturday.

Akanmu, who apparently wanted to teach his wife a lesson, was said to have rejected entreaties from his neighbours as he beat her to a stupor.

A source said at a stage, the woman became unconscious and was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.

No sooner had she arrived the hospital than she was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our

correspondent in a telephone interview on Monday.

Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, said when the case was reported at a nearby station, policemen visited the scene and arrested the suspect.

He said the victim's corpse had been deposited at a mortuary for autopsy while investigation into the case continued.

Meanwhile, policemen on Friday in Lagos intercepted a man with arm and ammunition concealed in a polythene bag.

Our correspondent gathered that anti-robbery policemen attached to Area 'G' Command, Ogba while on patrol around Ile-Epo-Kantangowa market intercepted the suspect identified as Ganiyu Tijani of no fixed address with the bag.

When the bag was searched, one locally made pistol and three live cartridges were recovered from it.

Ojajuni said the suspect had confessed that he belonged to an armed robbery gang, and that the SCID had started investigation into the case.