

# Boy lures friend into bush, kills him

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**T**HE tragedy that hit a Lagos family on Friday when one of its sons was shot dead in a bush in Ikorodu is still reverberating as the family is insisting on justice.

The police, however, said on Monday that investigation into the matter had begun just as the prime suspect in the murder had been arrested.

Our correspondent learnt that two sons of one Odudu Joseph, Solomon and Richard, went to their neighbour's house in Odudu village, Ikorodu allegedly to recharge their mobile telephone sets with current from a power generating set.

While both brothers were still idling away in the neighbour's house, their host's son, one Ola James, asked Solomon and Richard to accompany him to the bush to kill game.

It was learnt that while the three boys were in the bush, a disagreement ensued between James and Richard.

Solomon was said to be making peace between the two friends but James threatened to shoot Richard if he dared him.

Just suddenly, James reportedly lifted his gun, pulled the trigger at a very close range and the bullet went into Richard's

right eye.

There was noise in the bush as Richard yelled and fell down. James was said to be grief-stricken immediately the incident happened while Solomon ran up and down to see if there was anyone around to assist.

However, it was learnt that Richard died a few minutes after the bullet hit him just as Solomon ran home to inform their parents.

The incident was reported at Ikorodu Police Station from where it was referred to the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba.

A team of policemen were sent to the scene. After observing that the young man had died, the policemen removed the corpse and took it to a public mortuary.

Solomon said since the case had been reported to the police, the family expected that the security men would bring the culprit to book after investigation.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday.

Ojajuni said detectives from the SCID had visited the homes of the persons involved in the incident and investigation was still continuing.