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Friends beat man to death

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THE police in Lagos are still hunting for a man who, alongside his friend, beat another man to death on Sunday.

Although one of the suspected culprits has been arrested, the wanted man was said to have fled immediately he learnt that their victim had died.

The deceased, whose name was given as Henry Ngbovukwe, reportedly had a disagreement with Henry Ifeka.

While both men engaged each other in a hot argument that soon turned to a fight, Ifeka's friend, whose name could not be ascertained, joined in the fray.

The incident, which happened at about 9pm at Okupe Estate, Maryland, was said to have attracted a mammoth crowd.

Some persons reportedly tried to separate the feuding men, and just as Ngbovukwe was extricated from Ifeka and his friend, he allegedly slumped.

People who had gathered round the fighters tried to revive the deceased but when he did not respond, they rushed him to a hospital.

Although Ngbovukwe was hospitalised and given first aid treatment, he was later confirmed dead by one of the doctors in the hospital.

The case was reported at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, and some policemen were sent to the scene.

It was learnt that the corpse was later removed from the hospital and deposited at a public mortuary for autopsy.

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