

Man machetes friend to death

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A middle-aged man, Michael Adegboro, is being hunted by the police in Lagos for allegedly killing one of his friends with a machete.

Although the incident was reported at the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, policemen in Ikorodu are said to have spread their dragnets to other parts of the state to arrest the suspect.

An eyewitness told our correspondent on Monday that the deceased, Tajudeen Mustapha, of Aro Lane, Ikorodu, was sighted in company with the suspect a few minutes before the tragedy occurred on Saturday.

The witness, who identified himself as Rasheed, said both men were earlier seen abusing each other in high tones, while Adegboro threatened to "deal with"

Mustapha.

"Suddenly, we just saw one of the men pursuing the other with a cutlass. At a point, he caught up with him and they were entangled in a fight. The suspect later used the cutlass to hit his victim on the head and other parts of his body," Rasheed said.

Our correspondent further learnt that the crowd that gathered on the scene could not prevent the suspect from hacking Mustapha to death.

The incident which happened at about noon sent the entire neighbourhood into grief as residents wondered what must have suddenly led to the killing.

The incident was reported at a police station in Ikorodu area of the state and was later referred to the SCID.

Policemen who visited the scene shortly after Mustapha was killed packed his remains and deposited them at a

public mortuary.

The security men, however, were unable to arrest the suspected killer, who was said to have fled immediately he carried out his vicious act.

Policemen were said to have visited the suspect's residence at Odogunyan in Ikorodu, but their efforts were yet to yield a result.

Meanwhile, members of Mustapha's family have urged the police to arrest the killer of their son and bring him to book.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olumide Jimoh, an assistant superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday.

Jimoh said the police were still gathering information on the antecedents and whereabouts of the suspect, and noted that the case was still being investigated.