

Police constable kills co-tenant over wine

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THE Akwa Ibom State Police Command has arrested a police constable, who shot and killed his co-tenant over a bottle of Campari wine.

The police constable, Victor Monday, who is attached to the Criminal Intelligence Bureau at the state Police Command allegedly shot his co-tenant, Mr. Promise Silas, in the stomach at a close range.

An eyewitness account revealed that trouble started during a weekly sanitation exercise organised on Saturday by all the tenants at No. 54, Aka Etinan Road, Uyo.

It was gathered that the landlord of the building had presented a bottle of the drink in appreciation of his tenants' effort to keep their surroundings clean and also filling the access way to the compound with sand.

Having taken a little of the

drink, all the tenants continued with the work while Monday decided to enter his room with the remaining drink.

The police constable's action, however, sparked a protest from Promise, who asked him not to go away with the remaining quantity of Campari.

"Promise opposed and disallowed Monday from taking the remaining drink away as the work was not yet over. A scuffle ensued and the police constable hit him (Promise) on the head with the bottle and got him injured," an eyewitness said.

Our correspondent learnt that Promise in retaliation, also hit Victor's head with a bottle. The landlord, popularly called Mr. JB, waded into the matter and promised to settle their medical bills.

Not satisfied with the landlord's plea, it was learnt that the police constable went into his room and came out immediately with a pistol and shot Promise in the stomach at a close range.

Promise was later rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctor certified him dead.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Commissioner, Mr. Walter Rugbere, said the constable had been arrested.

Rugbere said the police would not spare any of its men who abused his powers.

He emphasised that any policeman who acted in excess of his powers was liable to the law, saying, "A policeman is like a civilian. He has no immunity."

The police chief said that the constable would soon be charged to court.

Houseboy aids robbers to attack boss

Olalekan Adetayo and Ademola Oni

THE police in Lagos have arrested a houseboy, Israel Adewale, for allegedly providing information and facilitating the entrance of criminals who robbed his master and battered his daughter.

Adewale, who was rescued from remand home by his boss, Emuze Phillip, with the belief that he could be rehabilitated, was arrested with two other suspects, John Patrick and Dapo Sodiq.

It was gathered that three robbery suspects raided Emmanuel Osakwe Street, Egbeda residence of Phillip at 12 midnight on Thursday without breaking any door.

The suspects beat the man and his daughter who had just completed her youth service thoroughly and raided every room in the house before making away with valuables that they could find in their victim's Honda Accord marked HU 859 AB.

Meanwhile, four young men are currently helping the Ogun

State Police Command in uncovering the mystery surrounding two human skulls found in their possession in Ijebu Igbo by the police.

The four men, including two herbalists, Tunde Ajenifuja, and Abiodun Adetayo, the police alleged, sponsored Shina Suleiman and Yomi Aregbe to source for the human heads for undisclosed reasons.

In a statement in Abeokuta on Monday by the Police Public Relations Officer of the command, Mr. Muiyiwa Adejobi, the police claimed that the suspects were nabbed after an informant hinted the police that he had seen some men with human skulls in Oke-Agbo area of the town.

He said, "Immediately, the police swung into action and arrested two suspects (Shina Suleiman and Yomi Aregbe). It was revealed that the suspects were sponsored by two herbalists — Tunde Ajenifuja and Abiodun Adetayo — who were subsequently arrested by the police with the human skulls."

Robbery: Suspect in police net, another dies

Kunle Adeyemi

INVESTIGATORS attached to the Lagos State Special Anti-Robbery Squad have commenced an enquiry into an armed robbery incident that was reportedly foiled by the police on Saturday.

The investigation, our correspondent learnt, was being aided by the arrest of one of the robbery suspects, who had volunteered "useful information" to the police.

During the incident, which eventually pitched the robbers against the police, one of the suspects died after he allegedly jumped from a storey-building.

The gang of armed robbers had besieged a residential building on Lagos Island

at about 4am on Saturday.

They had terrorised residents of the building and dispossessed them of personal effects and money before the arrival of the police.

The policemen, attached to Adeniji Adele Police Station, had an encounter with the robbery suspects and in the process, some of the bandits escaped from the scene.

However, one of the suspects, Rasaki Olore, was not too lucky. The policemen arrested him just as he reportedly made an attempt to flee.

It was learnt that another member of the gang, in a desperate bid to escape, jumped from the storey-building where they had gone to rob and allegedly hit his head on an iron rail on the ground floor.

The suspect was said to have bled to death as no-body attended to him until the gang had been dislodged from the compound.

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

Mba said policemen recovered one single-barrelled gun, seven live cartridges and a bag containing assorted shoes and telephone hand-sets from the suspects.

He added that the case, which was being investigated by men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, Ikeja, was yielding result as the suspect in police custody had taken detectives to one of the hide-outs of the gang.