

Lady kills younger brother, throws body over fence

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MEN of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested a 24-year-old lady, Janet James, for allegedly beating her younger brother, Saviour, to death.

She reportedly dumped the corpse of the nine-year-old boy inside the premises of a company far away from her residence in the midnight.

Janet, a housemaid, is a resident of Adeola Adeleye Street, Ilupeju, Lagos.

She told our correspondent on Wednesday that she decided to beat the boy when she discovered that some pieces of meat were missing in the kitchen.

She said that she was confused when she discovered that he was dead and decided to dump the corpse at a safe distance.

"Initially, I thought he was sleeping but I later noticed foam on his mouth and nose. When I shook him and he did not respond, I quickly carried him and went to Association Avenue, Obanikoro, where I threw the body over the fence into a compound," she added.

Janet, an indigene of Akwa Ibom State, said that she brought the Primary 2 pupil to Lagos from home town last November when her mother complained about the boy's bad behaviour.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, told our correspondent that shortly after the suspect brought the deceased to Lagos last year, she inflicted some body injuries on him to the extent that policemen from Ilupeju Police Station intervened in the matter.

Mba said that the agreement was that Janet would return the boy to their mother at home.

He said, "When security men attached to the company where she dumped the remains of the boy discovered the corpse on Tuesday morning, they quickly reported the case at Ilupeju Police

Station.

"As soon as detectives from the station arrived at the scene, they discovered that the corpse was the same boy whose case they treated last year.

"So, immediately after depositing the corpse at a mortuary, they went after his sister who, on enquiry, claimed that the boy was sick and she had taken him to a church for healing.

"It was after she discovered that policemen had recovered the corpse that she confessed that she beat the boy to death."

The police spokesman said that the case had already been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, for further investigation.

Meanwhile, the command has started investigation into the case of a woman, Isiwat Tiamiyu, who was burnt to death on Wednesday.

Tiamiyu was said to have seen a man burning some items at Toyin Bus Stop, Iju, a suburb of Lagos, threatened to jump into the fire.

"She came here and saw the man burning something. She told the man that she could jump into the fire. It was like a joke, but before we know it, she jumped into the fire," an eyewitness said.

At press time, the charred remains of the woman were still at the scene of the incident.

Mba said the case was under investigation.



•L-R: Assistant Director, Commercial Law, Lagos State Ministry of Justice, Mr. Lawal Pedro (SAN); and the state Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, Mr. Frank Mba, at a press conference on the partnership law in the state... on Wednesday.

Suspect dies as police, robbers clash

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THERE was pandemonium on 21 Road, Festac Town, Lagos, on Tuesday when suspected armed robbers clashed with policemen.

The environment, it was learnt, became more charged as the booming of guns rent the air while the encounter lasted.

A few minutes later, the policemen were seen surrounding the lifeless body of a young man who had been felled by a bullet.

It was gathered that the policemen attached to Festac Police Station, acting on a tip-off, stopped a vehicle for a check.

The vehicle, a Toyota Camry with registration number XP 819 AAA, was said to have been earlier snatched from the owner at gun point.

While the policemen ordered the two occupants to produce the documents of the vehicle, the latter could not.

In an attempt to escape from the police, the men were said

to have fired gunshots into their void and moved the car.

The policemen, it was learnt, responded with gunshots and in the process, one of the suspects was gunned down.

The other suspect, who later gave his name as Ezekiel Chukwu, was arrested with minor wounds.

During a search of the car, one locally-made pistol and one live cartridge were recovered.

The car, whose owner could not be immediately ascertained, was also recovered and driven to the police station.

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

Mba said it was possible to locate the original owner of the car through certain documents found in it.

He said the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, for investigation.

CLEEN partners LSSTF on crime

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A group, CLEEN Foundation, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lagos State Security Trust Fund with a view to implementing a number of projects on public safety in the state.

The Executive Secretary, LSSTF, Mr. Fola Authur-Worrey, on Monday said that the partnership would make police more efficient in protecting lives and property.

Executive Director, CLEEN, Mr. Innocent Chukwuma, said that the projects became necessary because official statistics on crime in the state do not reflect the true picture of crime and criminality.