

Man stabs friend over female lover

Chukwudi Akasike, Uyo

A scuffle over a woman has led to the death of a man, Etim Akpan, at Ibom Plaza, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Akpan was said to have accused his friend who is currently on the run of having an illicit affair with his (Akpan's) fiancée.

Our correspondent gathered that trouble started when Akpan asked his friend to explain why he betrayed him by sleeping with his girlfriend.

His response, according to an eyewitness account, did not go down well with the deceased, who was

shocked that his friend did not deny the act.

It was learnt that the duo engaged each other in a duel and refused to be separated until Akpan's friend stabbed the deceased in the stomach with a broken bottle.

Realising what he had done, Akpan's alleged killer fled before angry youths could catch him.

Akpan, said to be in his late 20s, staggered to his family's residence on Barracks Road and fell at the frontage of his parents' house before he died.

Confirming the incident on Tuesday the state

Commissioner of Police, Mr. Walter Rugbere, said he was yet to be briefed on the circumstances of Akpan's death.

A source at the 'A' Division Police Station told our correspondent that the police had wanted to take the remains of Akpan to the mortuary, but his father reportedly insisted that he was not ready to pursue the case.

Akpan's father said he would bury his son quietly.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Gab Ngban, told our correspondent that investigation was ongoing.