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## Woman kills cousin's friend over alleged attempted rape

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Rachael Gbadamosi said she had been looking forward to celebrating a peaceful 23rd birthday on August 17, 2010; but what is on her mind

now transcends celebration. She has been accused of killing her cousin's friend, Christian Egbuchukwu, on July 11, 2010 by the Lagos State Police Command.

PUNCH METRO gathered that while many people were watching the final match of the World Cup on Sunday, Gbadamosi allegedly stabbed Egbuchukwu with a knife in the neck at their Papa Asafa residence in Agege area of Lagos.

Although the suspect claimed that there was a commotion at the residence before she stabbed Egbuchukwu, most residents stayed glued to their televisions as Spain and Holland locked horns in the final of the World Cup and were not aware that there was a problem in the neighbourhood until after the match.

By the time neighbours realized that a man was dying, it was already late for Egbuchukwu. He had lost much blood and later died in a private hospital.

Gbadamosi however told PUNCH METRO that she acted in self defence after Egbuchukwu attempted to rape her. "I don't know how the knife entered his neck, I was trying to stab his hand that he wanted to use to strangle me," she said.

She said the Sunday's incident was Egbuchukwu's fourth attempts "to try me."

He came to live with us in May, but since then he had been employing all manner of tricks to sleep with me. There was a time I suddenly woke up to find him in bed with me, I woke him up and told him to go to his own bed.

"I did not tell my brother (cousin) initially, but after confiding in my mother, she advised me to tell him. My brother (cousin) works on Victoria Island and as such comes home once in a week. So, when I told him, he (cousin) sent him packing; but he started crying and I had to beg my brother to leave him after he promised to move out soon and also leave me alone."

However on Sunday, Gbadamosi said Egbuchuckwu came home late and became quarrelsome because she had locked the door.

She said, "He told me to pack my brother's clothes and mine to one side and suddenly he tore my night gown and started squeezing my neck. Before I knew it, he was lying on top of me and it dawn on me that he wanted to rape me. I used all the strength remaining in me to reduce the pressure on my neck and started shouting for help. Nobody came to my rescue. As I was resisting him, I pushed myself up and reached for a knife on the shelf. I wanted to stab his hand but unknowingly stabbed him in the neck."

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She said Egbuchukwu removed the knife from his neck and stabbed her in the palm. "But I was able to escape. It was when he pursued me to the street that I even realized that he was bleeding from the neck. We did not see anybody to help take him to the hospital until after the match. The doctor told us to look for blood but we were hoping to get it in the morning. He died few hours later," Gbadamosi added.

Lagos State police command spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed that Egbuchukwu died around 11pm. "And the circumstances of his death are the crux of police investigations. Homi-cide department at the SCID, Panti, had taken over the case. But what we realised here was that help came too late because the neighbours were busy watching the world cup and did not hear the commotion from Gbadamosi and Egbu-chukwu's side. Anyway we will investigate and refer the matter to DPP," he said.

But Gbadamosi's cousin, Abel Asekame, told PUNCH METRO that he was not aware that Egbuchukwu was troubling his cousin, adding, "she never told me. I knew of the whole thing yesterday (Monday)."

#### Comments :

- This case appears very tricky but not entirely difficult to tackle. I pray that God will help reveal any hidden part of the whole matter in the course of the investigation. I believe that whatever must have transpired between both of them did not just start the very day of the knifing. Something must have been going on between them unnoticed. I will suggest that both Gbadamosi's mum and her cousin be taken into confidence in this matter since the lady boldly declared that they were aware.

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- THE POLICE HAS TO BE A LOT MORE CAREFUL IN THIS CASE SINCE THE LADY'S STORY DOES NOT CHECK WITH HER COUSIN'S WOMEN COULD APPLY THE RAPE STORY WHEN BACKED TO THE WALL AND THOUGH WOMEN COULD BE VERY CREATIVE WHEN WEAVING STORIES ROUND A RAPE INCIDENT, THERE ARE HOLES TO PICK IN THE LADY'S STORY. HOW COME SHE WANTS TO TELL US THAT SHE STUCK A KNIFE INTO THE GUYS THROAT AND HIS YELL DIDNT KNOCK DOWN AN MTN MAST. ITS A MISTERY THAT THEY CLD CHASE THEMSELVS ROUND A STREET AND NO ONE NOTICED.

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