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Generator fumes kill lovers

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RESIDENTS of 1, Okiki Street, Agaguro Town, Ikorodu area of Lagos have been thrown into mourning following the death of two lovers, Yemi Obote, and Sade Adeleke, suspected to have been killed by generator fumes on Saturday.

Obote, 46, a divorcee with child hailed from Edo State, while Adeleke, 32, an unmarried lady, was an indigene of Sagamu, Ogun State.

Although the police are still battling to unravel the mystery behind the sudden death of the lovebirds, a witness, Titilayo Alaoyode, who was Adeleke's close friend, said generator's fume killed the late lovers.

Alaoyode told *PUNCH METRO* that Adeleke had on Friday asked her and another friend, identified simply as Kemi, to accompany her to see Obote at a hotel.

She said after Obote had entertained them, he went away with Adeleke.

Alaoyode and Kemi, who lodged at the hotel, said they became apprehensive when Sade did not return to the hotel on time in the morning

and decided to look for her at Obote's residence.

She said, "When I reached there, the gate was opened and Obote's car was parked outside. I knocked at the door but there was no response. I opened the kitchen door, the generator carbon covered my nostrils. I then thought that if I put off the generator, that may make them to ask who put off the generator. Yet nobody said anything. I then went to the door and knocked. I later peeped and saw someone's legs.

"So, I went back and saw one man riding tricycle, 'keke Marwa,' and narrated to him what I saw. We called neighbours and the Baale and they came. We later called the police, who now came and forcibly opened the door. The District Police Officer is the one that opened the door and we saw both of them lying dead."

The Baale of Ajaguro Town, Chief Sikiru Okikiade, also corroborated Alaoyode's account of the incident.

The corpses of the deceased had been deposited at Ikorodu General Hospital.

The matter is currently at the Owotu Police Station, Ikorodu, where the witness was helping the police in their investigation as at press time.