

Farmer kills friend over alleged affair with wife

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A 27-year-old farmer, Peter Dan, has been arrested in connection with the death of one Friday Ochim in Iwoye-Egbado, Ogun State.

The father of six told *CRIME DIGEST* on Wednesday that he did not intend to kill the deceased, saying Ochim's death was only an argument that got out of hand.

The suspect, who is from Cross River State, explained that he was a close friend of the deceased until he learnt that the latter was having an affair with his (Dan's) wife. He told *CRIME DIGEST* that he was from the same town with his late friend, saying the bond of friendship became stronger when they decided to leave the town and settled in Eredo in Ogun State.

Dan, now a detainee at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Elewera, Abeokuta, claimed he relocated from Eredo to Iwoye-Egbado when he learnt that his wife was having an affair with his friend.

He said, "I left Eredo and went to Iwoye with my family when I heard that my friend was sleeping with my wife. Although they both denied it, I stopped talking to him even though we still attended the same meetings with our town's people."

The suspect alleged that Ochim was the first to attack him at a town's meeting in Eredo.

He said, "He asked why I heard that he was sleeping with my wife, but it was none of his business."

"He started shouting at me hard. The fight started and I hit him with a stick, but people separated us."

"Instead of him to leave me alone, he decided to hit me with the stick. That was when I picked up a stone and threw it at him; it hit him on the head and he fainted."

A police source, however, said he was not told the truth of the fight between the friends, whose friendship turned into an illicit affair between Dan's wife and his friend.

It was difficult to ascertain the truth of the allegation as the suspect's wife refused to be reached for comments.

The State Police Public Officer, Mr. Olumuyiwa Adejobi confirmed the incident, explaining that investigation into the case would continue.

Adejobi promised that the suspect would appear in court after the case.

