

Artisan stabs neighbour to death

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The Lagos State Police Command has warned residents of the state to settle domestic disputes amicably rather than resort to violence as this could attract severe punishment based on the position of the law.

The police said this advice became necessary because of the ordeal of Bamidele Ogunfowora, a 22-year-old artisan, who allegedly stabbed his neighbour, Adeshina Hassan, to death.

PUNCH METRO learnt on Wednesday that Ogunfowora allegedly stabbed Adeshina to death after a domestic dispute.

A policeman, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, because he was not authorised to speak to journalists, said Ogunfowora was beating the son of the deceased, Samson, when Adeshina intervened.

He said, "At about 7pm on October, 2, 2011, at 4, Shobalaju Compound, Epe, the suspect (Ogunfowora) was beating Samson (the son of the deceased).

"Adeshina, who lived in the same compound with the suspect, immediately intervened and told Ogunfowora to stop beating Samson.

"Ogunfowora was infuriated by the manner in which Adeshina had spoken to him. As a result, he (Ogunfowora) and a friend of his, identified simply as Azeez, immediately pounced on the 48-year-old Adeshina and beat him."

It was gathered that as the fight raged on, Ogunfowora ran into his apartment, brought out a kitchen knife and allegedly stabbed Adeshina in the chest.

"The suspect ran into the kitchen, picked a knife, stabbed the victim in the chest and ran away. Adeshina was immediately rushed to Model Clinic Epe, where he was confirmed dead," the source said.

PUNCH METRO learnt that after the incident, the younger sister of the deceased, Mrs. Folashade Ojukutu, went to report the incident at the Epe Police Division where investigations commenced immediately.

Our source said, "Apparently, the children of the deceased witnessed the murder and they were able to assist the police with the investigation. So, it was a clear-cut case.

"The suspect was found by policemen and he made a confessional statement. His accomplice, Azeez, is however still at large.

"When we (the police) asked the suspect why he was beating Samson, he said the young boy was playing rough and he was only trying to correct him."

It was learnt that the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Musiliu Smith Street, Yaba, for further investigation.