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DECEMBER 11, 2014 BY SAMSON FOLARIN ■ 5 COMMENTS



The landlady's apartment

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A 27-year-old man, Michael Abodurin, has been stabbed to death by hoodlums called by his landlady, Mrs. Idowu Adenekan, in the Oworonsoki area of Lagos.

PUNCH Metro learnt that problem started after the deceased's friend could not pay back the N200 he borrowed from the landlady last year.

It was gathered that after it dawned on Adenekan that the debtor would not pay the debt, she allegedly unleashed her thugs on the carpenter and his friend. In the process, Adenekan was killed.

Our correspondent gathered that a bottle was smashed on Adenekan's head after which he was stabbed with a pair of scissors in the chest.

He died before he could get medical help.

PUNCH Metro on Tuesday visited Adeyiga Odunukan Close where the incident happened.

The residents told our correspondent that the incident happened on Saturday around 11pm.

A resident, who pleaded anonymity, said, "I had just returned from work that day when I met them arguing over N200.

"I was told that Abodurin's friend had owed the landlady the money since last year and he had not visited the house since then.

"But he came on a visit that Saturday and when the landlady saw him, she demanded her money, which the man said he did not have.

"She insisted on collecting the money from him despite interventions from the people around.

"When everybody saw that she would not let the matter rest, Abodurin offered to pay the money, but she refused. Her aged father also gave her the money, but she refused. At least three people offered to pay the money, but she insisted that the debtor must pay her."

Another resident, Chigozie Odinaka, said as the argument continued, some hoodlums invited by Adenekan started to make trouble with the unidentified friend.

Odinaka, who described the landlady as a troublesome woman whom they all feared in the neighbourhood, said in the ensuing scuffle, Abodurin was hit on the head with a bottle.

"As the fight degenerated, Adenekan was struck with a bottle in the head. As he was going to report at the police station, one of the hoodlums went after him and stabbed him in the chest with a scissors, which led to

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his death," he added.

The matter was said to have been reported at the Oworonsoki Police Division.

The landlady and a suspect, who our correspondent learnt stabbed the deceased, were taken into custody as some aggrieved friends of the deceased threatened to burn down the house.

Our correspondent was told that people living in the house had started packing out.

PUNCH Metro observed during the visit that the house was almost deserted as some of the rooms were locked.

It was learnt that the corpse of the deceased had been taken to the mortuary.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Kenneth Nwosu, confirmed the case, adding that woman and another suspect had been transferred to the State Department of Criminal Investigations.

He said, "It was initially reported as a case of assault until it was learnt that the man died."

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