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A housemaid, Blessing Edeh, has stabbed her boyfriend, Edet Ebong, to death in the Lekki area of Lagos State.

The 24-year-old Uyo, Akwa Ibom State indigene, said Ebong died because he was jealous and suspicious of her, adding that she felt no remorse since it was "a case of two fighting".

PUNCH Metro learnt that Edeh and Ebong had been dating for one year and six months.

The 33-year-old truck driver was said to have moved into his girlfriend's apartment on Falana Street, Ogombo, Lekki, after they both agreed to marry.

However, on the fateful day, Ebong was said to have returned from work late in the night and told his lover to prepare food for him

The suspect allegedly abused him, leading to a scuffle between them.

In the ensuing brawl, the suspect allegedly stabbed the victim in the stomach. He died in a hospital in the area.

The matter was reported at the Ogombo Police Division and was subsequently transferred to the State Department of Criminal Investigation, Yaba.

Edeh told PUNCH Metro that she killed Ebong, saying the victim was drunk on the night of the incident.

She said, "On the fateful day, August 18, he came back from work and was drunk. He said I was messing around and sleeping with other men. He demanded the ring that he gave me, and I told him I could not find it. I later told him it was on the table and he should go and pick it.

"He became angry and broke the mirror on the wall and we started fighting. He used part of it to cut me in the

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eye, and I stabbed him in the stomach with one of the splinters."

Our correspondent learnt that the suspect's younger brother, who was in the room, raised the alarm.

The victim was said to have been rushed to a private hospital in the area, where he died.

Edeh said she was arrested by policemen from the Ogombo division, adding that she learnt about Ebong's death while in detention.

She said, "It was not my intention to kill him. But it was a case of two fighting; he was drunk that night and was misbehaving. He was also the first person to cut me in the eyebrow with glass before I retaliated."

A resident in the house, who did not identify herself, however, said nobody knew what happened between her and the deceased until her younger brother raised the alarm around 12 midnight that the victim had been stabbed

A police source told *PUNCH Metro* that the suspect stabbed the victim with a kitchen knife, and not a glass splinter as she claimed.

He said the victim's entrails were exposed after the attack, adding that he died a day after the incident.

"The fight started after he returned from work and asked her to prepare noodles. She began to abuse him that he was irresponsible. She said she was the one housing and feeding him, while he did nothing. That made the man angry. He asked for the engagement ring he gave her, and she asked him to pick it from the table. And that started the fight.

"She picked a kitchen knife and stabbed him in the stomach, exposing his intestines. He died the next day," he said.

Our correspondent learnt that the victim's corpse had been deposited in a mortuary in the area.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Patricia Amadin, had yet to respond to enquiry on the case as of press time. *Copyright PUNCH.*

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