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The family's apartment
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Residents of Abesan Estate in the Ipaja area of Lagos State have been thrown into confusion after a man, Nelson Oamen, stabbed his father, Ehiremen Oamen, to death during an altercation.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Nelson, who reportedly fled his father's apartment in Block 272, after the incident on Friday, removed the septuagenarian's heart and left with it.

Our correspondent learnt that the Oamens, who hailed from Edo State, had been living in the estate for over 15 years.

It was gathered that the father, said to be a retired worker in a company in Apapa, was battling with stroke, and usually remained indoors.

PUNCH Metro learnt that 34-year-old Nelson, who did not have a stable job, was reportedly a drug addict, and had had

violent clashes with people in the area which were reported to the police.

Our correspondent learnt that at about 2pm on Friday, Nelson had gone to his father's apartment and an argument had ensued between the two.

Nelson, who was suspected to be high on drugs, allegedly stabbed his father to death in his bedroom, and covered his body with a blanket.

He was said to have sneaked out of the house and had yet to be found.

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Nelson's younger sister, who did not want her name in print, reportedly came into the house a few minutes later, and found traces of blood in the family's sitting room.

She was said to have discovered Ehiremen's corpse on his bed, after which she raised the alarm.

It was gathered that some neighbours and residents, who also rushed to the room to see Ehiremen, realised that there was a deep hole on the left side of his chest after he had been stabbed in several places.

It was said that Nelson allegedly escaped with his father's heart, which the residents claimed, was responsible for the bloodstains in the sitting room.

Our correspondent gathered that the matter was reported at the Ipaja Police Division.

When *PUNCH Metro* visited the area on Saturday, a crowd of sympathisers was observed thronging the deceased's apartment.

Nelson's elder sister, who came from Abeokuta, Ogun State, and also did not want her name in print, said the family could not say what caused the argument between her father and Nelson.

She added that Ehiremen had been physically attacked by Nelson in the past.

She said, "For about five years now, dad had been nursing a stroke, and he could not work again. So, he used to stay at home. Nelson did not have a stable location. He just came to the area on Friday.

"I was told that he came in through the window before committing the act. It was his younger sister, who has a shop in the area, and came in a few minutes later to change her clothes, who first observed bloodstains in the sitting room.

"She then traced the bloodstains to daddy's room, and found out that he had been killed. We have not seen any sign of Nelson since then."

A landlord in the area, Akeem Salau, who described the deceased as an easy-going man, said he was praying in the mosque at about 2pm, when the news of Ehiremen's death filtered in.

He said, "The man has eight children. Nelson is the fourth child. The young man does not have any stable job. He also smokes and drinks heavily. He does not live here, but only comes once in a while.

"On that Friday, some people saw him in the afternoon. The people who saw him said he was unstable. He went into their house, and it was a few minutes later that they found the father dead. He fled immediately. When I went in to see the corpse, I observed that the old man was stabbed in several places. No one could have been so wicked except one was on drugs."

Our correspondent gathered that the police in Ipaja had launched a manhunt for Nelson.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Joe Ofor, said the police were on the trail of Nelson and would soon get him.

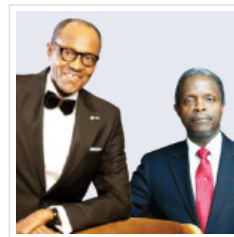
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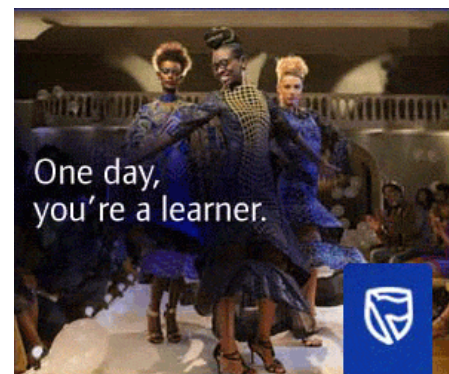


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