

Friend deceived me into killing wrong person – Cultist

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Liadi and Balogun

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A self-confessed cultist, who was paraded by the Lagos State Police Command for alleged murder, has said he wanted to avenge his brother's murder but killed the wrong person after his friend deceived him.

The suspect, 21-year-old Morufu Liadi, allegedly killed a 29-year-old motorcyclist, Lateef Sura.

The suspect allegedly killed the victim during a birthday party in the Alakara, Mushin area of the state.

Liadi, who had an accomplice, Rilwan Balogun, told our correspondent that he stabbed the motorcyclist several times on the neck and on his waist till he died because he wanted to avenge the death of his brother who was killed in 2008.

PUNCH Metro had reported on Tuesday, October 20, that there was confusion at the birthday party which held on Agbekolade Street in Mushin, after two of the guests hacked a 29-year-old motorcyclist to death.

It had also been reported that Sura, who had just returned from work, had gone to the party at about 8pm when the guests brought out weapons and attacked him.

Sura was said to have laid in a pool of blood until policemen from the Alakara division came to evacuate his corpse from the scene.

It was gathered that the police thereafter arrested the two suspects, who also confessed to the murder, and transferred them to the state Special Anti-Robbery Squad for further investigation.

Speaking with *PUNCH Metro* on Tuesday, Liadi, who recalled that he stabbed Sura to death with a table knife, said he was told that the deceased was responsible for the death of his elder brother, Azeez, in April 2008.

Liadi, who hails from Abeokuta, Ogun State, added that he joined the *Eiye Cult* last year and he had been actively involved in the cult's gang fights in the area.

He said, "On that Sunday, my colleagues came to see me at home and said we were going for a birthday party at Agbekolade Street, Mushin. I usually stayed in the Oju Irin (railway) area . The *Aiye* and the *Eiye* cult gangs have a feud in the area.

"It was my friend, Rilwan (Balogun), and others at the party who pointed the man to me that he was the killer of my elder brother. I had not met the deceased before.

"My elder brother, Azeez, also known as Arsenal, died in April 2008. He was killed by cult boys. So, I jumped on the man and began to stab him. I stabbed him several times on the neck and on the back. I used a table knife. I did not know that I was deceived.

"I belong to the *Eiye* Cult. I joined the gang some time last year. I am not a student. I was working as a vulcaniser."

Balogun, 23, an indigene of Kwara State, who reportedly pointed the deceased to Liadi, said he mistook the man for a cult member in Idi Oro.

He said, "It is true that I was the one who pointed out the deceased to Liadi. We had been invited to the birthday party by friends. I told Liadi that the deceased was an Idi Oro hoodlum. And then they jumped on him and began to stab him.

"I dropped out of school in JSS 3. I subsequently learnt carpentry but I was jobless as of the time the police arrested me. When the deceased fell down, the party scattered and all of us ran home. But I was arrested by the police inside my house."

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, who paraded the suspects, said they would be charged to court.

He said, "These are the two who killed an innocent person in Alakara, Mushin area. There are Eiye tattoos on their bodies. They will both be charged to court to face the wrath of the law."

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