

Peacemaker stabs friend to death in Ogun

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A 26-year-old youth, Rafiu Gbadamosi, has been arrested by the police for stabbing his friend to death with a broken bottle.

The incident happened on Wednesday, around 9pm, at the Merit Junction, Ori Okuta, in the Igberen area of Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased, Yinka Badmus, had an altercation with one Ebenezer on the fateful day when the suspect intervened and settled the quarrel.

The peacemaker, who hails from Osun State, was said to have bought an alcoholic drink on credit, which the three of them took before they departed.

Shortly afterwards, it was learnt that Gbadamosi was on his way to the drinking joint to pay for the drink when Badmus and some youths challenged him to a duel. He reportedly stabbed him (Badmus) in the chest and fled.

Our correspondent gathered that Badmus, aged 28, was rejected at a private hospital he was rushed to before he eventually died at the Ota General Hospital.

An angry crowd was said to have converged on the morning of the following day to set Gbadamosi's father's house ablaze when policemen from the Onipanu Police Division mobilised to the area, dispersed them and arrested the suspect.

Gbadamosi, who confessed to the crime to the police, said he acted in self-defence, adding that he regretted his action.

He said, "I was at Merit Junction with my girlfriend when I saw Yinka (Badmus) quarrelling with Ebenezer.

We are all friends. I intervened and I bought alcoholic drinks which all of us drank to let peace reign. I was going to pay for the drinks when Badmus and his boys attacked me. One of them smashed a piece of brick on my head.



• Gbadamosi

"I looked for a bottle and stabbed him (Badmus) in the chest and armpit and he fell. But now, I regret my action."

An eyewitness, Alade Gboyega, said Badmus' death was unfortunate and shocking. He added that the deceased lost much blood before they reached the hospital.

He said, "He was more or less an orphan. His mother died some years back and we don't know his father's whereabouts. I was shocked when he died.

"We initially took him to a private hospital, from where we were referred to the general hospital. He had lost a lot of blood before we got there."

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Muiyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident. He said the suspect had been transferred to the State Department of Criminal Investigation, Eleweran.

He said, "The suspect has been arrested. He has been transferred to the SDCI, where he is being interrogated. The corpse of the deceased has been deposited at a general hospital morgue for a postmortem."

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