

Woman flees as boyfriend drowns in hotel

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A35-year-old man, identified simply as Sikiru, has drowned in the swimming pool of a hotel in the Ishashi area of Lagos State.

It was gathered that Sikiru and his girlfriend had visited the hotel – Regional Hotel and Suites – on April 2 when the incident happened.

The girlfriend was said to have fled the facility while the hotel manager reported the case to the police who removed the corpse and deposited it in a morgue.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Chike Oti, said a preliminary investigation by detectives who visited the scene showed that there was no injury on the corpse.

He said, “The hotel manager reported that one of his customers, identified simply as Sikiru, whose address is still unknown, was found dead inside the hotel’s swimming pool upon diving into the water. Detectives went to the scene of crime and recovered the remains of the said man.

“No trace of injuries was found and no identification or phone recovered from him. The girlfriend that came with him disappeared immediately with all links of identification of the deceased. The corpse has been deposited in the Badagry General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Investigation is ongoing.”

Meanwhile the police in the state also arrested a suspected drug addict, Musendiku Christian, for allegedly killing his grandmother.

Christian, 24, reportedly hacked the octogenarian to death while she was asleep.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the suspect lived with the grandmother, Maria Ogabi, at Ishagira village, Ijanikin, Lagos.

A source said Christian had been having a running battle with the deceased, who always complained about his use of drugs.

The source explained that although he did not know the immediate cause of the attack on the woman, Christian was recently released from prison over a criminal case.

He said, “He is on drugs and well known for taking hemp. He has been living with the grandmother for a long time. I don’t know where his parents live. The grandma always warned him against smoking hemp, but he would not listen.

“In the early hours of Saturday, April 2, there was a distress call from their apartment. When people got to the place, the woman was found in a pool of blood with machete injuries on her body. She died on the spot.

“The case was reported to the police at the Ijanikin division and he was arrested. He just came back from prison.”

The PPRO, Oti, said the corpse had been deposited in the Badagry General Hospital mortuary.

He said, “The police received a report that the 80-year-old woman was hacked to death by the grandson, Musendiku Christian, at their residence.

“A police team visited and photographed the scene of the incident. The corpse was removed and taken to the general hospital mortuary, Badagry, for autopsy. The exhibit was recovered and the suspected arrested.”