

Son kills father for preventing him from going out

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Babatunde Olagesin

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One Babatunde Olagesin is currently cooling his heels in police custody after he allegedly hacked his father, Taiwo Olagesin, to death with a cutlass.

City Round learnt that a fight broke out between the father and son on Monday, May 6, 2019 in their residence in the Ijoko area of Ogun State.

It was gathered that the suspect had wanted to leave home for Oshodi, Lagos State, around 6am, but was prevented by his father, who insisted that he (son) would accompany him somewhere.

Our correspondent learnt that Taiwo locked up the doors leading outside the premises to keep his son inside.

When it appeared he could not restrict his son, Taiwo reportedly brought out a cutlass to scare him.

Undeterred by the weapon, Babatunde was said to have struggled to collect it from his father. In the process, he reportedly used the weapon to cut his father in the stomach.

It was gathered that neighbours alerted the police from the Agbado division to the incident and Babatunde was arrested.

A police source disclosed to *City Round* that the suspect in his statement claimed to have killed his father by accident, adding that the case had been transferred to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department in Eleweran, Abeokuta.

The source said, “The boy had a misunderstanding with his father. He said he wanted to go to Oshodi to ‘hustle’ (make money), but his father said he needed to follow him somewhere. The suspect claimed that his father brought out a cutlass to scare him and locked the doors leading outside.

“They started struggling with each other to get hold of the cutlass. He claimed he did not know when the cutlass pierced his father’s stomach. Before people could separate them, the father had slumped and started bleeding. He gave up the ghost before he could get medical care at the hospital. The suspect was about 30 years old.”

The deceased’s neighbours approached by our correspondent declined comments on the incident, saying the matter was being investigated by the police.

But a resident, who gave his name only as Seun, said the tragedy could have been averted if Babatunde’s mother was at home that day.

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He said, “I was not around when the incident happened. It was when I returned from work in the evening that I learnt about it. From what I learnt, he always had problems with his father. His mother who usually cautioned him was not at home on the day the incident happened. The father had asked him to follow him somewhere but he insisted that he was going to Oshodi to work, which led to a fight. He hacked his father to death with a cutlass.”

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident, adding that the case would soon be charged to court.

He said, “The suspect said he wanted to go somewhere but his father did not allow him. According to him, his father brought out a cutlass and while they were both trying to get hold of it, it mistakenly cut the man in the stomach.”

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