

Teenager stabs Lagos co-tenant to death during scuffle

Deji Lambo

THE family of Adanne Osinachi-Opara has been thrown into grief as the daughter of a co-tenant Favour Adindu, allegedly stabbed her to death during a scuffle at their place of residence in the Ejigbo area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Adanne's father, Kennedy Opara, had left home for a child dedication when an argument ensued between his daughter and Favour.

The argument was said to have degenerated into a scuffle and in the process, Favour allegedly took a knife from the kitchen and stabbed Adanne in the chest.

Neighbours reportedly rushed Adanne to a nearby hospital in the area, where she was pronounced dead.

Speaking with PUNCH Metro, Kennedy said the police had commenced investigation into the matter, adding that his daughter was killed out of envy.

He said, "I am Adanne's father; the incident happened in our place of residence and it was as a result of envy and greed. Our landlord does not stay with us. The person responsible for the crime is a tenant's daughter; they are children and not adults."

"I have written my statement at the police station; they still want to get a corona form to be signed by the magistrate after which the case will be transferred to the SCIID, Panti, Yaba."

"As a result of the shock, my wife and children are not at home; they are all currently staying with my wife's sister, who also lives in Ejigbo. I will give more details when I speak with them."



• Ejigbo area

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, said the knife

allegedly used in perpetrating the crime was recovered at the scene, adding that the incident

Police vow to nab NTA kidnappers in Rivers

Dennis Naku, Port Harcourt

THE Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Joseph Mukan, has vowed that personnel of the command will track down and apprehend the abductors of a reporter with the Nigerian Television Authority in Port Harcourt, Mrs Chidiebere Onyia, who was kidnapped by



this situation to rescue her."

The incident is coming barely three weeks after a renowned broadcaster and Business Manager of Silverbird Communications in Port Harcourt, Segun Owolabi, narrowly escaped been abducted.

It was gathered that gunmen blocked Onyia's vehicle at Woji, near Port Harcourt, dragged her out of the vehicle and drove off in

Man jailed 50 years for defiling eight-year-old

Oluwatosin Omojuyigbe

JUSTICE S. Nwaka of the Lagos State Special Offences Court has sentenced one Okechukwu Onyeakazi to 50 years' imprisonment for defiling an eight-year-old girl.

Onyeakazi was arraigned on one count of defilement contrary to the Criminal Justice Law of Lagos State.

He pleaded guilty to the charge. The prosecuting counsel, Adebayo Haroun, had told the court that the convict committed the offence in 2017 in the

Shogunle area of the state. According to Haroun, the minor by inserting his manhood in her private parts on occasions.

Following his plea, Haroun court to sentence Onyeakazi

co-tenant's daughter

• Landlady's daughter kills tenant over electricity bill

deposited in a mortuary.

He said, "On February 4, 2021, around 8.30pm, one Kennedy Opara reported at the station that while away for a child dedication at the Omiyale area, his wife called him around 4.30pm that their neighbour's daughter, one Favour Adindu, 14, had stabbed their daughter, Adanne, 12, in her chest during a scuffle between them."

"She was rushed to the Living Spring Hospital on Alafia Avenue in the Orioke area of Ejigbo for medical attention, but the doctor on duty pronounced her dead. The corpse was later deposited in the Isolo General Hospital morgue for autopsy and report."

"However, the suspect has been arrested and is undergoing interrogation, and a kitchen knife was also recovered at the scene. Further developments will be communicated."

In a related development, the daughter of a landlady, Tina Essi, has been arrested for allegedly beating a tenant, Christian Akparie, to death in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Essi and the 49-year-old victim were arguing over electricity bill and the argument degenerated into a fight.

It was learnt that the tenant reportedly sustained injuries during the fight and while being rushed to hospital for treatment, Akparie passed away.

Adejobi said in a statement on Wednesday that Essi had been arrested, adding that the Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, ordered her transfer to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Panti, Yaba, for further investigation.

Adejobi stated, "The Lagos State Police Command has arrested one Tina Essi for the alleged murder of 49-year-old Christian Akparie of No. 26 Orijamogun Street, Oreyo, Ikorodu, Lagos."

"Preliminary investigation revealed that on January 31, 2021, an argument over the payment of electricity bill ensued between the landlady's daughter, Tina Essi, and the deceased, both of the same address, which led to a fight."

"After the fight, the deceased continually suffered severe pain, but unfortunately, on Saturday, February 6, 2021, around 7am, while the deceased was being rushed to the General Hospital, Ikorodu, he gave up the ghost."

"Police operatives attached to the Ikorodu Division of the command were contacted and they arrested the suspect. The Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has ordered that the suspect be transferred to the SCIID, Panti, for thorough investigation. The suspect is presently at the SCIID, Panti, Yaba."

New magistrate Deeper Life Co molestati

Patrick Odey, Uyo

AN Akwa Ibom Magistrates' Court sitting in Uyo, on Wednesday, started afresh the trial of suspects in the alleged molestation and maltreatment of an 11-year-old JSS1 student of the Deeper Life High School, by two senior students and some school officials.

It was gathered that the magistrate, who started the trial of the two minors on January 20, 2021 behind closed doors, had been transferred.

The new magistrate read the charges afresh to the minors, who pleaded not guilty.

She adjourned the case till March 3, 2021 for further hearing.

Speaking to journalists after the proceedings, the counsel for the complainant, David Okokon, explained

reporter's

Police, Joseph Mukan, had ordered the tactical unit operatives to ensure her safe release.

Meanwhile, the state council of the NUJ has condemned Onyia's kidnapping and called for her immediate release.

A statement jointly signed by the state NUJ Chairman, Stanley Job, and Secretary, Ike Wigodo, urged the security agencies to act fast to ensure her release and arrest the kidnappers.

The statement read in part,

"The union charged the security agencies to ensure the arrest of the kidnappers and bring them to justice so as to serve as a deterrent to other criminally minded people."

"The NUJ demands that immediate steps be taken by the Rivers State Government and security agencies to arrest this ugly development so as to enable journalists to fulfil their constitutional mandate unhindered."

41 suspected Internet fraudsters arrested in Ogun