

Man stabs Ogun bricklayer to death over N20,000 debt

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ONE Michael Sunday has allegedly stabbed a 45-year-old bricklayer, Avonse Abraham, to death in the Alli Isiba area of Sango-Ota, Ogun State, over a N20,000 debt.

It was gathered that Abraham was returning from work on Saturday when he was accosted around the Faith Chapel junction area of Alli Isiba Street by Sunday, who allegedly stabbed him with a



• Abraham

broken bottle.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the father of three owed the suspect's mother the sum of N50,000 out of which he had paid N30,000.

However, his failure to pay the balance infuriated Sunday, who allegedly stabbed him with a broken bottle.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Wale, told our correspondent that the suspect had beaten the deceased with a plank earlier before Saturday's incident.

He said, "The deceased owed the mother of his killer N50,000 and had paid N30,000 out of it when Sunday hit him with a plank for refusing to settle the balance. Sunday was sitting on a fence with a friend called Asa when he sighted the victim on Saturday night and accosted him while holding a bottle.

"He insisted that the deceased must pay the balance that night, but the man said he had no such money and that he would pay up on Tuesday, but Sunday broke the bottle and stabbed the man in the hand; the victim attempted to run away and Sunday stabbed him again in the upper part of his body.

"He also scared people, who attempted to rescue the man, telling them that he wanted to see who was ready to die for Abraham."

Another resident of the area, who identified himself simply as Kehinde, said the deceased was taken to four hospitals but was rejected, and when he was eventually taken to the General Hospital at Onipanu, he was pronounced dead.

He stated, "The man owed Sunday's mother N50,000 for a building foundation and he paid N30,000 last week after Sunday threatened to deal with him, but on Saturday, the suspect attacked the man when he was coming back from work and stabbed him.

"We took the man to four hospitals and they rejected him and we finally took him to the General Hospital in Onipanu, where the doctors pronounced him dead. Sunday is a violent person; just two weeks ago, he threatened to attack one of the landlords in the area called Elite over an argument between them."

Our correspondent learnt that the suspect and his mother were arrested and detained at the Sango Divisional Police Station.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, did not take his calls and had not replied a text message sent to his mobile telephone as of the time of filing this report. „

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"Following the information, the Air Force team at the tollgate, which was already on red alert, especially considering the recent killing of a high-profile politician around the same area, intercepted a fast approaching Mercedes Benz vehicle.

"They flagged down the vehicle and ordered the driver to park by the roadside for a search, but the driver, who at first slowed down and pretended to move to the side of the road, suddenly took off.

"According to the Air Force, being suspicious of the mission of the occupants of the said vehicle at the international airport, they made efforts to demobilise the vehicle. When the vehicle eventually came to a halt, the operatives surrounded it and ordered the occupants out.

"It was at this point that a female passenger in the car mentioned that the man driving the vehicle was her husband and that he was rushing to catch his flight. He was, however, rushed to hospital by the Air Force team for medical attention, where the doctors on duty made frantic efforts to stabilise him. He later died around 7pm of the same day.

"The Imo State Police Command has commenced investigation into the case. The Commissioner of Police called for calm and assured the family and friends of the deceased that no stone would be left unturned in unravelling the circumstances surrounding the death. Members of the public will be updated on the outcome of the investigation."

1-year-old man

some young boys, about six on two motorcycles, chased one yet-to-be identified young boy.

"He was said to be shouting: 'Aiye are coming' and was seen running along Ibokun Road around Sasa area. The boy was shot dead by the men suspected to be members of a rival group.

"The assailants also picked a shot gun that dropped from the deceased and left the scene. Operatives visited the scene and took the corpse to the morgue of the UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital, Osogbo.

"We have also apprehended one Olarewaju Tosin, 21. Efforts are on to arrest the fleeing suspects."