

Lagos man kills brother during fight over N1,000

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A man, Ibrahim Dauda, has allegedly killed his brother, Tunde, during a fight over N1,000 at their residence on Amusa Street, off Community Road, in the Obadore area of Igando, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Ibrahim and Tunde were at home when an argument bordering on N1,000 ensued between them.

Our correspondent learnt that the argument degenerated and the brothers were said to be engaging in fisticuffs when Ibrahim ran into the house and reached for an iron rod.

On returning, Ibrahim reportedly used the rod to hit Tunde's forehead and the impact of the attack caused the 27-year-old to lose consciousness while he fell.

A source, while speaking with our correspondent, said in a bid to rescue Tunde, people rushed him to the Igando General Hospital, adding that one of the doctors on duty confirmed him dead.

The source said, "The incident happened on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Both of them were fighting over N1, 000 and in the process, one of the brothers (Ibrahim) used an iron rod to hit his brother (Tunde) on his forehead.

"People quickly rushed him to the general hospital in Igando but he was confirmed dead. His corpse was evacuated and taken to the Mainland General Hospital, Yaba, for autopsy."

Our correspondent gathered that policemen attached to the Igando Division arrested Ibrahim.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, had yet to take his calls or reply to a text message about the incident sent to his mobile number as of the time this report was filed on Monday.

PUNCH Metro reports that there have been increasing cases of siblings engaging in fights leading to deaths in the state.

In September 2022, it was reported that the police command in the state arrested one Monday Nnime for allegedly stabbing his brother, John, to death over a misunderstanding bordering on N1, 500.

The incident took place at the deceased's residence in the Odokekere area of Ikorodu North Local Council Development Area of the state.

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The misunderstanding over the money was said to have caused an argument and Monday allegedly used an object to stab his younger brother in the neck, killing him in the process.

Also in the state, one Chisom Eze allegedly killed his 19-year-old brother, Henry, during a fight over a bottle of soft drink at their residence on Johnson Street, in the Alaba area of the state.

Chisom was said to have left the drink in the house and stepped out to attend to an issue, but when he returned, he discovered that Henry had taken advantage of his absence to consume the drink.

Angered by his brother's action, Chisom reportedly grabbed a knife and stabbed Henry in the neck. The teenager died due to the injuries he sustained during the attack.

Also in April 2021, the state police command confirmed the killing of a businessman, Uchenna Njoku, by his younger brother, Chukwuma, during an argument over N3,000 debt.

It was gathered that Chukwuma visited Uchenna when the deceased asked his brother to pay the N3,000 he owed him, but in the process, an argument ensued between the brothers, which degenerated into a fight.

Expert speaks

Reacting, a security expert, Dickson Osajie, while describing the events that led to Tunde's death as a terrible experience, urged the National Orientation Agency to continuously sensitise Nigerians on the need to live in peace and the consequences of crime.

Osajie said, "The incident is terrible and we are losing value and morals in our society. Growing up, brothers usually engage in fights but they shouldn't lead to taking arms to kill one another. But Nigerians are frustrated, a lot of people are frustrated and at any given instance, they want to vent their anger.

"The fact that Tunde engaged in a fight with his brother over N1,000 is normal in society but they went too far with it, and it led to the death of Tunde. For me, we need to start looking at parental upbringings, so that brothers don't engage one another in trivial issues and kill one another.

"It is rampant in Nigeria; if everybody is comfortable, I don't think they would be engaging in any fight that will lead to deaths. I will advise that the National Orientation Agency should engage in continuous orientation to sensitise Nigerians on the need to live in peace and also the consequences of crime and punishment."