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The suspect, Lanade Abayomi Steven accused of stabbing his neighbour, Onyema Ikenga. Photo: PETER NKANGA

University student detained over death of co-tenant

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By Patience Ogbo
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The Lagos State Police Command has said it is worried about the frequency of violence cases in the state.

Spokesperson Frank Mba expressed this concern, on Thursday, when he paraded a 23-year-old University of Lagos student who allegedly stabbed a co-tenant to death.

The incident happened on November 3 on Ikija Street in Bariga, a suburb in Lagos. The suspect, Lanade Abayomi, a 100 level medical sciences student, stabbed Ikenga Onyeama over a matter which involved the deceased man's sister and another female tenant identified as Abiola.

"On Tuesday, around 9.00am, I wanted to go to buy something so I can prepare for my exams by 10.00am," said Mr. Abayomi. "When I got to the (building's) gate, I found out that the gate was padlocked. I asked who had padlocked the gate and they told me that it was Onyeama. I went to him to open the gate that I had to go and buy something, but he refused. He said that I was not going out that I am the boyfriend to his sister's enemy."

How it happened

According to another tenant, who identified himself as Jide, the event leading up to the stabbing was a fight which took place, three days before, between the two girls involved in the case.

"Three days to this incident, there was a serious fight between the deceased's sister and one lady who is also a UNILAG student over water," he said. "The deceased's sister said the UNILAG lady poured water on her, and she too retaliated. This led to a fight but the other tenants settled the matter."

The eye witness also said that the deceased thought that Mr. Abayomi was Ms. Abiola's boyfriend and came out to fight him that morning.

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According to Mr. Abayomi, "I told him (Mr. Onyeama) that I do not want any trouble and that the lady he is fighting with is not my girlfriend. As we were arguing, his sister came out and said somebody will die today. Onyeama's sister brought out a knife and gave it to his brother to stab me. I tried to run away but they held my shirt. Onyeama now tried to stab me with the knife, but I held his hands and started struggling with him. It was during the scuffle that the knife mistakenly entered the left hand side of his chest. Blood started gushing out. But he died shortly after he got to the hospital."

A favourable testimony

According to Mr. Jide, the suspect had moved into the compound last year and had not had any problems with anyone.

"Unfortunately, Onyeama who started the quarrel was the one that died," he said. "It is really sad because the suspect does not know anything and now he is being held for murder. It is sad that he is in this mess now."

Mr. Mba advised the public to try as much as possible to live in peace.

"This is another case of domestic violence where people will lose their lives and the Lagos State Police Command is indeed worried about this development.

"The fact is that the police cannot police every home. It is now the responsibility of parents to inculcate the right values in their children. Also the imams, pastors and teachers should do more and preach moral values that will teach our youth to desist from violence. They should know that violence does not pay."

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This is very unfortunate. Violence has never been the way to a solution and will never be.

Posted by [joe](#) on Nov 09 2009

this is a sad and unfortunate event. we should learn to tolerate and endure bitterness. violence has never solved any problem and it will never.

Posted by [Robin Hood](#) on Nov 09 2009

See How many die for women who he no go benefit. One man don die, Another dey cell. Where the 2 ladies dey? End of discussion

Posted by [Doyin](#) on Nov 09 2009

Wha ooo! This is unfortunate event! This is the effect of removing religious education in the nation's education system. Now, federal govt should do something for the removal of 'Religious education' which teaches morals, ethics & discipline in our educational curriculum.

Posted by [TATA](#) on Nov 09 2009

a generation that grew up with under the 'kill and go' mentality of the military and has never heard of the expression 'two fighting'....i hope others would learn a lesson

Posted by [Christian](#) on Nov 09 2009

The only question here is how to prevent such incidence from happening again. "Only God can help us".

Posted by [Debola](#) on Nov 09 2009

Please release this Mr. Abayomi guy, from the story it seems like self defense.

Posted by [Nativeson](#) on Nov 10 2009

Tragic! Except that this is a reflection of the current reprehensible social mess in Nigeria. Real and imagined frustrations as well as public safety is lacking. People tend to fly off the handle so readily. Self restraint and respect for self and others is something that should be basic in any people. This may be an accident. An avoidable and tragic one. I hope the youngman under arrest receives justice based on mitigating circumstances.

Posted by **TATA** on Nov 10 2009

sorry self defense has to be proven in court....

Posted by **abbey** on Nov 10 2009

please, the person that brought the knife and the person that stabbed should be prosecuted accordingly. this is criminal. Why knife in a casual quarrel? this is a case of lawlessness, irresponsibility, cultism. Nigeria Police please deal with the matter.

Posted by **Anu** on Nov 10 2009

Really sad story. But like Tata said, the guy has to prove he acted in self-defence. On a lighter note, if this 23 year-old student had been a footballer, I'm sure folks would have been quick to brand him as an overaged player!

Posted by **Chyde** on Nov 10 2009

Its a pity that we read similar stories everyday and still people do not learn. Well if it was done in self defense, he should convince the judge other wise murder is murder

Posted by **Emah Idiong** on Nov 10 2009

This is a sad one. It reminds me of the soldier that shot to dead an okadar man in Ikeja sometimes ago just because the okadar man hit his car. Also the market woman that stabbed a man to dead at Oshodi Market after an argument. We have had a lot of similar incident lately and I wish Nigerian could learn to control their temper. When you are angry, do take a decision, for whatever decision you take in a fit of rage must have disastrous consequences.

Posted by **johncissy** on Nov 11 2009

@debola.indeed!

Posted by **Buddy** on Nov 11 2009

I really pity the detained dude if the account is really true. There are instances when you run all you can from evil but alas it just does not leave you alone. If the guy has a good lawyer, he can claim self defence but before then sha, the Nigerian police go don show am hell. Abeg this na one of the issues in FACE- ME -I -SLAP -YOU apartments.

Posted by **Kamuzu** on Nov 11 2009

A hungry man is an angry man. UMYA, pls give the country a direction. The truth of the matter is, there is still going to be more of this. I hope the police are taking counts. Violence every where..... a gun powder always waiting to explode. May God save us. Amen.

Posted by **lateeisha** on Nov 11 2009

he killed the guy from self defense and there was an eye witness. i dont think self defense is punishable under naija law.

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