

Man Kills Neighbour

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Residents of 35, Ewa Henshaw Street in Calabar South are still at a loss as to what may have prompted a young man, Ita Bassey Bassey, to drive a knife into his co-tenant, Anitie Eteyen Effiong, for the simple reason that the water the deceased went to fetch splashed on the slippers he left by his door post.

The landlady of the house, Mrs Veronica Hanson Umoh, told *P.M.NEWS* in their home over looking the Calabar River that there was no premonition of the tragedy in the house as the two tenants were very close friends.

“I was sitting outside here eating on Sunday morning when Ita came to complain to me that Anietie poured water on his shoes. I went to see it, but the water was quite little and Anietie’s wife came out and cleaned it and told Ita not to be offended.”

She said that soon after she went to eat, she heard “a lot of noise and when I got there, i saw blood on the floor.”

According Mrs. Umoh, after Anitie’s wife cleaned the water, the man went back to fetch another bucket of water. That was when Ita went into his

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room and brought out a knife which he hid in his back, as Anietie was passing, he stabbed him in the chest and the man fell.

"He died on the spot and Ita ran away. He could not go far before he was arrested. The man he killed was the one feeding him. Bassey said he is a driver but for months now he sleeps in the house to watch Nigerian movies while that boy he killed would go out and toil to bring money to feed him."

Mrs Umoh told our correspondent that Anietie's body is now in the mortuary, while

Ita is at Diamond Hill where investigation is going on before he is charged to court.

"I heard he was begging a policeman garri to drink. That is just the beginning for him," Mrs Umoh said.

ASP Dickson Essien, the Police Public Relations Officer for the Cross River Police Command confirmed the incident and said Ita would appear in court soon.

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