

# CRIMEwatch



• Suspect

# Tragic romance:

• Girl stabs man to death over love advances

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**The Edo State Police Command has arrested a young girl for allegedly killing one Elvis Zaka. He was killed during an alleged attempt to make love to the Ekiti State-born 18-year-old Bukola, who allegedly drew the matchet, which pierced through Zaka's abdomen.**

Investigation revealed that the deceased was living with Bukola and her uncle in Benin until the tragic incident on August 11, 2013.

Commissioner of Police, Foluso Adebajo said the deceased had initially been chased out of the house by Bukola's uncle but later pleaded for forgiveness and he was allowed to return.

According to investigation, the suspect was eating about 2.00pm when Zaka, who was uninvited, allegedly made attempt to join the suspect in eating the meal.

The attempt did not go down well with the suspect, who resisted in anger. In the ensuing fight, Zaka allegedly beat the suspect, who managed to escape and ran into the parlour and later emerged with a cutlass ostensibly to defend herself. She threw the cutlass and it struck the deceased's stomach. He fell and died on the spot.

Explaining her side of the story to *Crime Watch*, Bukola said: "Zaka was staying with my uncle in his house. There

he started to make love advances at me, which I turned down. I reported him to my uncle and he told him to park out of his house. He later came and begged my uncle and my uncle allowed him to return.

"Immediately Zaka returned to the house, he continued where he stopped and started toasting me again. My uncle chased him out of his house twice but later he begged and he was forgiven."

"Since I did not have rest of mind, I informed my mother and she came from the village to Benin to beg Zaka to leave me alone. He promised my mother that he would stop but he didn't stop the act.

"On that fateful day, my uncle was not around. I was eating and suddenly the deceased came to dip his hand into my food and I didn't allow him. There he started beating me and shouting that he wanted to have sex with me but I rejected him.

"Zaka beat me almost to a state of coma and smashed my head on the wall. I tried to escape from him and ran into the parlour and there, I found a cutlass and used it to protect myself. I threw it at him as he was coming towards me. It hit his stomach and immediately he died on the spot.

"I couldn't believe what I saw. I didn't kill him intentionally, rather I wanted to protect myself when the beating was too much for me because I was not his match. The police should forgive me. I didn't have the intention to kill him."

"I had warned my uncle to allow the deceased to leave our house. It was my uncle that has made me to kill a fellow human being. I am not going to forgive my uncle because he was the one, who put me in this mess."

Adebajo said the policemen recovered the cutlass Bukola used to attack Zaka, saying she would soon be charged to court.



• Victim