

CRIMEWATCH

Man kills uncle, buries him in shallow grave over N2,000

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A man has killed his uncle and buried him in a shallow grave over a debt of N2,000 he owed the deceased. The incident happened in Abraka, Delta State.

The suspect, Ogenekaro Iwhiwu and the deceased, David Iwhiwu had been having a running battle over a parcel of land.

Crime Watch gathered that David had allegedly promised to give a parcel of land to the suspect known in the area as Ogene, who made part payment of N2,000.

It was gathered that the deceased reneged on the promise, forcing the suspect and his mother to be demanding for a refund of the N2,000.

Further investigation revealed that on the fateful day, the deceased, David, had left his home to the farm, where he met the suspect's mother who accosted him and demanded for the money.

David was said to have told her that they had no agreement to refund the money, but later promised to give out the parcel of land when it would be available.

The woman was said to have boasted that she would unleash her 30-year-old son on David who was in his late 50's.

The woman was said to have ran home and directed her son to meet David in the bush where he was working in his farm.

Another woman, an eye witness, allegedly met David and the assailant having a quarrel, with the later threatening to kill the former if he failed to refund the money.

The woman (name withheld) had told the police during investigation that when she observed that the argument between David and Ogene was becoming too intense, she attempted to separate them but Ogene allegedly warned her to leave the scene or risked being killed. The woman further said that she had to flee the venue for her dear life.

Further investigation revealed that the two men later engaged each other in a scuffle during which, Ogene allegedly-matched David who later collapsed and died.

Ogene was alleged to have ran home, collected a shovel and ran back to the bush. He was said to have buried the deceased and returned home.

David's younger sister, Ese, told Crime Watch that on the fateful day, his brother's wife, Patience, had around 11.00 pm reported that her husband had not returned home from the farm.

Hear her: "My brother's wife told me that a woman had informed her that she saw my brother quarrelling with Ogene on the farm. She told me that the woman attempted to separate them but Ogene warned her to leave the scene. The woman, rather than report directly to my brother's wife went to one of my brothers' friend.

Ese said a search party was raised and moved to the bush where they saw traces of blood. The party later went to Abraka police station to report the incident.

"We had earlier confronted Ogene. He admitted that he had quarrels with David but maintained that the two went their ways after the quarrel. The Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Abraka police station, later ordered the arrest of Ogene.

"We later went back to the shallow grave where the police ordered that the grave be dug and the corpse of my brother exhumed. With what I saw, my brother suffered a lot, because, he did not die instantly. He was butchered and dissected before he was buried in the shallow grave.

Patience, who was in tears said: "Ogenekaro has finished me, I have four children. How will I take care of them? I am finished.

An uncle to David, Elder Dickson



The late David Iwhiwu

Adejube who described his nephew as quiet and a good man added the spirit of David would only rest if only justice was done. "We want justice to be done. The suspect has already confessed that he did it, so, the police must not show sentiment but bring Ogene to justice. "It is quite unfortunate, that in this century, a man can pick up a machete and butcher a fellow human being like a pig. I think this type of callous act must stop."

Ogene had told the police that he killed David and buried him in the shallow grave when he refused to refund him, the N2,000 he gave as part payment of a parcel of land David promised him.

When contacted, Delta State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) told Crime Watch that the corpse has been deposited in the hospital for autopsy and that the suspect had been arrested.