

Deadly fight over sex

- Woman dies following bedroom scuffle
- He killed our daughter – Family
- No, I didn't, she died of shock – Husband

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THE Ilaje community in Ijora Badia, Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area, Lagos State was thrown into mourning and shock recently, when a 42-year-old mother of three, Mrs Idowu Omotom (Nee Oyotomi) died following a fight with her 84-year-old husband, Pa Farojoye Omotom over her alleged refusal to have sex with him in the night.

Trouble, it was learnt, started on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 when the victim returned from the market, stressed and tired, and decided to settle for an early night rest. But her husband who also shared the same bed with her wanted to have sex with her, a move she rebuffed, telling him that she was tired and not in the mood for sex. But the sex hungry Omotom who is married to seven wives with nine children could not endure the sexual urge, as he insisted that his wife must satisfy him that night.

With the conviction that his wife usually denied him sex, Pa Omotom saw her plea as the usual ploy no anytime he asked for sex. The disagreement therefore, led into struggling, and thereafter, to a fight. In the process, the old man gave her a fist blow on the head. It took the intervention of some neighbours to settle the matter and peace returned. But, thereafter, the punches resulted into serious headache for the wife.

Then, on Tuesday, June 7, the woman was said to have asked her husband about the money her son in Gabon sent for the upkeep of her three children. But the old man gave her excuses that the money had been taken by one of his sons. She collapsed on the spot and part of her body became paralysed. It was the shock that eventually killed her few days later.

Victim's family furious

Her elder brother, Mr. Taiwo Oyotomi told *Saturday Sun* that her late sister had told him and other members of the family that since she received the blow from her husband, she had suffered serious headache, adding that, the blow was the cause of her death.

Oyotomi who also stays in the same vicinity explained that the family and neighbours had always settled quarrels between the suspect and the victim on the same issue of sex. "What does the man want at his old age? He had seven



Idowu

wives and our sister was the last. She always came complaining about how her husband used to force her to have sex, even when she was not in the mood to do so. Sometimes, we intervened. So, I do not know what must have kept him in such act to the extent of beating the woman for refusing sex?", he fumed.

The bereaved young man frowned at the ugly treatment meted on his late sister by the husband, describing it as unfortunate and wicked. "The man is so wicked and bad that even when our sister became sick and eventually died, none of his family members showed up. It was when we waited for sometime and no response was coming from them that we decided to go and take the body from Lagos Island Hospital and buried her at the Cemetery at Amokoko in Ifelodun Local Government Area, Lagos State. Even since we buried her three days after her death, no member of his family had come or asked us what happened", he added. The victim's elder sister, Mrs Kehinde Ekuemogbon also recounted several occasions when

her late sister reported to her about the way her husband beat her over sex issues. "My sister had always complained about the man. This is someone that claims he had married six wives before my sister. And, my sister had given birth to three children for him. If my sister had denied him sex, would he have had the three children? The thing is that something is wrong somewhere, otherwise the man should not have fought his wife because of sex, to an extent of giving her a blow on the head, that eventually led to her untimely death", she alleged.

The incident attracted the attention of the entire Oyotomi family and they delegated their head (Olori ebi), Pa Omodara Oyotomi who came traveled to Lagos from Igbokoda, Ilaje in Ondo State three days later, to look into the matter, and possibly take the necessary actions on behalf of the family.

Pa Oyotomi who spoke with *Saturday Sun* at the scene of the incident expressed disgust over such act, describing it as barbaric and unbelievable. "The man's action is bad and very difficult to be-



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lieve. I came here from our hometown to see things myself because I did not believe what I heard on mobile phone. Unfortunately, before my arrival, my people had already buried her. So, I summoned a meeting of the family and our in-laws, in order to get more facts about the incident. Could you believe that at the meeting, the man admitted in the presence of everybody that he gave our daughter blow on the head because of sex issue? In fact, when we heard that, we felt downgraded and our anger aggravated. The younger ones among us wanted to react. But, considering his age, we did not know what to do to him at that spot", Pa Oyotomi stated.

He also explained that after the meeting, the immediate family met and concluded to let the matter lie low for now. "Having heard from him, we observed that he was not himself. And considering his age, we are finding it difficult to take the necessary actions against him for now and that is why we did not report the matter to the police. But that does not mean that what the man did was right. In fact, we are



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not happy about that", he added.

Heart attack, not me, killed her -Suspect

Reacting to the allegations against him, the suspect, Pa Farojoye Omotom also an Ilaje man admitted that he fought with his wife some days before the incident, but that could not have been responsible for her death. "Yes, I fought with her and I gave her a slight beating on the face. Thereafter, we resolved our differences and continued our usual lives. It was after about five days of the incident, she died."

According to Pa Omotom who told *Saturday Sun* that he married seven wives, Idowu died as a result of heart failure. "That day, she asked me about some money my son sent, and I told her that the money in question was no longer available. After hearing that, she collapsed in my presence. I became surprised and immediately called the attention of my neighbours who gathered to assist me in trying to revive her. Thereafter, part of her body became paralysed and she died about four days later in the hospital, after we had tried our best to save her", he explained.

Pa Omotom described the allegation that he killed his wife as untrue, pointing out that there was no way he could have killed his wife who bore three children for him. "What we had was the normal disagreement couples used to have and out of anger, I beat her. I do not think that was the reason she died. Her death was just a coincidence. Like I said, we didn't have any misunderstanding at the period she died. So, it is somehow for someone to accuse an old man like me of killing my wife because she refused that I made love to her. I think those behind that allegation are envious that I married a young person who ordinarily, is supposed to be my daughter, otherwise, I do not know why such an accusation should arise."

Pa Omotom who was very sober over the death of his wife, wondered how he would cope with the three children she left behind. "She had three children for me. Out of the three, two are male, while one is a female. Since her death, I have not been finding it easy because out of my seven wives, she is the only one staying with me. Others are old, and are at different locations."