

Man stabs cousin to death over N2000

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A CASH gift of N5,000 given to two cousins has cost one of them his life, as the other is now gnashing his teeth in regret at the headquarters of the State Criminal Investigation Department of the Delta Police Command, Asaba, the state capital, where he is being held for questioning.

Presley Ezuode, 37, allegedly stabbed his cousin, 29-year-old Meshack Kenu to death with a broken bottle when an argument ensued between them over N2,000 at Ogbe-Kubor Ngulu, Warri, Delta State.

Sunday Sun gathered from the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Zanna Ibrahim that the incident happened on May 20, 2016, when a friend to the deceased, gave Ezuode and Kenu the sum of N5000 to share. The suspect was said to have refused to give Kenu his own share, and instead went home with the money.

Zanna further said that Kenu went to the house of the suspect to ask for the money. But a fight broke out between them and in the course of it, Ezuode allegedly picked up a broken



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bottle stabbed Kenu, who fell down. He was rushed to general hospital in Warri, where he died.

His kinsmen immediately reported the matter at a police in Warri. Realising the enormity of his action, Ezuode took to his heels. But the police successfully tracked him down and arrested him on July 1, 2016 at Obonode community, Okpe land, Sapele.

Sunday Sun gathered that Ezuode was allegedly notorious for threatening his opponents with broken bottle whenever he had a quarrel with them.

At the headquarters of the SCID where he spoke with *Sunday Sun*, Ezuode said: "We were three who were given the money. I gave one of us N1,000 naira while I took my

N2,000 naira. Later the deceased Meshack who was my cousin came to my house around 7.30pm on that fateful day.

"He wanted to collect whole amount of N5,000 naira. But I refused to give the whole money. I wanted to give him his N2,000 naira but he refused. So we fought. I picked a broken bottle and stabbed him on his tongue and he fell down."

Ezuode who hails from Burutu Local Government Area, Delta State added: "I never intentionally wanted to kill my cousin. It was the work of devil. Immediately I saw him dead, I ran away."

When *Sunday Sun* spoke to one of the youths in the community, David Abraham, he said they would not want Ezuode to come back to the community.

"We are all shocked that he could use a broken bottle to stab his cousin to death over N2000. He was always threatening people who came across him with broken bottle," Abraham said.

"We want justice to be done. We tried to rescue Kenu, but he died in the process.

Since the suspect has been in the police custody, there has been peace in the community," he added.

Zanna assured that the suspect would be charged to court and warned the public not to take the law into their hands but rather report any case to the police station.

