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TWENTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD

Sunday Peter is now in the cold embrace of detectives at the State Criminal Investigation Department of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command State, Abuja.

Peter is alleged to have stabbed his aunt, 35-year-old Salome Idoko, to death with the help of an accomplice, Istafanus Yerima, 22, in the sitting room of her residence close to Berger Bridge Quarry Gate, Mpape, Abuja.

The FCT Commissioner of Police, Mr. Abubakar Bello told Sunday Sun that the ugly incident happened around 1:35am on September 28, when Peter, a nephew of the deceased and his friend, Istifanus, went to the home of the aunt to threaten her and demand N30,000 from her to pay his rent. Peter had earlier stayed for three days with the family of the deceased. Later, the husband of Salome, James Idoko, gave Peter a ride to Maitama, and also gave him N1000 to cover his transport fare to Maraba, Nasarawa State, where he lives.

Bello said that Peter, accompanied by his friend, went back to the aunt's house. She welcomed him and sought to know his reason for returning to the house. Then asked Peter's friend to step out of the house, so that she could discuss with the nephew.

Suddenly a hot argument ensued, leading to a fight between Salome and Peter. Yerima was said to have gone into the house to ostensibly separate them. Instead, he stabbed her on the wrist with a knife. Peter snatched the knife from him and stabbed that woman again on the back. She fell and began to bleed profusely. The two assailants ignored her and proceeded to remove the plasma television set in the sitting room and also took N500 from her purse.

The alleged crime came to light when Salome's four children came back from school and saw lying in a pool of her blood about 3.30pm. They screamed in horror, and attracted the attention of