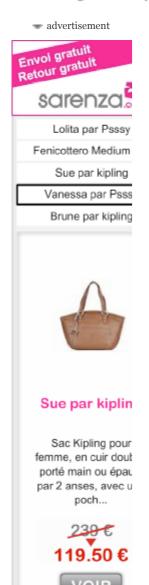




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Calabar: Man, 34, set ablaze by lover girl

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Tragedy struck the Paradise City of Calabar, Cross River State, in the early week of the New Year following the outbreak of fire which gutted a two-storey building and consequently seriously burnt one Mr. Eteka Louis, 34, to death.

An eye-witness account told Daily Sun that the residents of Ededem Street, off Target Road, in Calabar South were taken aback when at about 10:00pm on New Year eve they saw a thick smoke enveloping the entire street. The account said a good number of residents ran to the building to see how to quell it but without success.

The account further alleged it that the fire was allegedly ignited by Louis, estranged live-in-love of over seven vears. It was learnt that the relationship between the duo became sour following allegations of infidelity leveled against the lady.

Investigations by Daily Sun revealed that Louis, a native of Oruk Anam in Akwa Ibom State, has been in love with the lady identified as Ms. Idong. He was said to have complained to his close

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friends that he had lost interest in the lover-girl and threatened to throw her out of his apartment to have his peace.

Not quite long after that complaints, Louis, who drives a bus that plies Calabar-Ugep, came back on that fateful day of December 20, 2009 and sent the once 'beloved heartthrob' packing on a flimsy excuse of being unfaithful to the relationship. Family sources said the man had accused the lady of disrespect, constant nagging and flirting around.

But barely two weeks after she was sent out, the lady came back to collect a few of her remaining items left behind but was not allowed into the room. However, the estranged lover insisted on going in and amidst the struggling she alleged lit a stick of matches and threw it to where the generating set was kept.

A few seconds after the generator caught fire and the two lovers ran out of the flat. While the lady took to her heels, the man ran back to the room to remove some of his valuables but was unfortunately burnt.

Worried that the inferno might spread to other buildings, some of the residents were said to have put a call through to the fire service that quickly intervened to put out the fire and subsequently brought out Mr. Louis and rushed him to UCTH for treatment.

But he died barely six hours later. However, family sources hinted Daily Sun that the corpse has been deposited at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH) while the lady is in police net facing interrogations.

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