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How Bricklayer Stabbed Brother To Death, By Witness

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A 46-year-old mason, Sunday Abogunrin, yesterday told how his neighbour, Biodun Allen (27), a bricklayer, stabbed his younger, Wale Allen, to death with a broken bottle over an irreconcilable dispute. Biodun is standing trial before Justice Raliatu Adebisi of an Ikeja High Court on a one-count charge of murder.

Abogunrin, while being led in evidence by the prosecution, Mrs. O. A. Olugasa, told the court that he witnessed the capture of the suspect after it was discovered that the sack he was dragging into the bush was the body of his brother whom he had murdered in cold blood. Meanwhile, the offence of murder is contrary to Section 221 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

According to him, the incident occurred on February 20, 2013 about 1p.m. at Imude village, Oto Awori, Lagos when he heard a sudden unusual bark of their neighbour's dogs, though overwhelmed by fear of being attacked by robbers; he summoned courage to find out the cause of the barking. Abogunrin said on his way to the scene, he heard the quick steps of someone dragging an unknown object into the nearby bush.

He said: "I decided to climb the wall joining both buildings to find out who it was but the unknown face ran away, leaving the bag behind, immediately I flashed my torch on him. "Since I didn't see his face, thinking it was a thief, I ran after him through the trail he left behind, only to find Biodun at the tap washing his hands stained in blood.

"Though I did not initially know how or where the blood came from, I was so afraid to talk to him since he had a broken bottle in his hands.

“Biodun was known for being violent and hurting himself and others, so I left without questioning him. “It was in the morning, when his two siblings were screaming that one of their brothers had gone missing and his room was stained in both hand and foot prints of blood, then I realised whose blood I saw Biodun was washing off at the tap.

“At that point, I told the community chairman about the midnight incident and later mobilised some Odua People’s Congress (OPC) members to help capture him, since he was now on the run after realising that the community was aware of his heinous crime.

“In a bid to capture him, he injured his two siblings by cutting them with the same bottle and also threatened to kill a woman, who he almost strangled, but left her when the OPC members charged at him.”

Meanwhile, during the cross examination Abogunrin said that though he did not see the suspect murder his brother, “Biodun confessed being culpable of the crime when the DPO at Panti Police Station promised to set him free if he said the truth. The matter was adjourned till January 18 and 19, 2017 for continuation of trial.

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