

Rivers: Man kills elder brother over parking space

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A 40-year-old man has shot his elder brother dead following argument that ensued over parking space in their family compound in Elele-Alimini, Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The victim, Benedict Chukwu, 44, was allegedly shot dead by his younger brother, Patrick Chukwu, 40, who had blocked the access through which he

used to enter and exit the family compound with his motorbike.

According to Ambassador Joseph Asojeji, a former General Secretary of Elele-Alimini, a Community Development Committee, who confirmed the incident, the late Benedict and the suspect are his cousins.

He said that despite the plea from the deceased to his brother to allow him push out his motorbike, the suspect refused to remove the blocks he had used to block the road.

Asojeji disclosed that the suspect fled the area after killing his brother, adding that the matter has been reported to the police.

Asojeji said: "Both of them are my cousins. The issue was that the elder brother, the late Mr Benedict Chukwu, came home from his daily hustling to the family house where both of them live.

"The younger brother Mr Patrick Chukwu used chairs to block access to where Benedict Chukwu was to carry his motorbike and cross.

"The late elder brother pleaded with the younger brother to allow him access to pass with his bike inside the family house where both of them are living, the younger brother refused to remove the chairs that were blocking the road.

"Angrily, Mr Benedict used his legs to kick the chairs out of the way, then the younger brother picked up a wedge to hit the elder brother.

"But neighbours came out and removed the wedge from his hand. The younger brother went inside again and picked up a machete, the neighbours gathered him and collected the machete from him.

"As if that was not enough, the younger brother ran inside again and brought a hunter's gun and fired immediately at the elder brother's neck, killing him instantly."

While noting that the matter has been reported to the police, he said the deceased younger sibling took to his heels immediately after committing the crime.

The spokesperson of the state police command, Grace Iring-Koko, who confirmed the incident, disclosed that the police have commenced investigation on the incident.

Naira Abuse: Actress, Omoseyin granted bail, trial begins April 3

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A Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos, yesterday declared that the trial of an actress, Oluwadarasimi Omoseyin, accused of spraying new naira notes at a party, will begin on April 3, 2023.

The court presided over by Justice Chukwujekwu Aneke fixed the date after granting Omoseyin bail in the sum of N5 million with one surety in like sum.

It would be recalled that the actress was arraigned before the judge by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for allegedly spraying new naira notes and stepping on it at a party.

The anti-graft agency had specifically docked the actress on February 13 on a count charge of tampering with the sum of N100,000.00 issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) by dancing on same at the said occasion.

Counsel to the Commission, S. I. Sulaiman, insisted that the offence is contrary to and punishable un-

der Section 21 (1) of the Central Bank Act, 2007.

But Omoseyin pleaded not guilty to the charge, prompting the actress' lawyer, Adenike Gonçalves, to ask the court to grant her bail pending the hearing and determination of the case.

The lawyer also prayed Justice Aneke to remand her client in the EFCC's custody, pending the perfection of the bail terms, if so granted by the court.

The prosecutor in his response had submitted that bail is at the discretion of the court, adding that in the event bail is granted, the conditions of the bail term should be such that would enable the defendant to be present during the trial.

However, in his ruling on the bail application, Justice Aneke, aside from granting the actress bail, ruled that the surety must be a civil servant on Grade Level 12 and above, with evidence of three years of tax payment, among others.

The court also ordered that the actress be remanded in Kirikiri Prison, pending the perfection of the bail terms.