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Why I killed my 100-year-old grandma with broken bottle - Confession of Okada rider

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The suspect, Saheed Saminu Photo by Peter Emiola

WHEN I left Lagos two weeks ago for Iwere-Ile, my home town with the hope of consulting traditional healers to disconnect me from a strage voice which had been threatening my life, I never knew I would end up stabbing my 100 years old grandmother to death”.

That was Saminu Saheed, 23, a commercial motorcyclist based in Lagos, confessing the killing of his grand mother.

Saheed, who claimed to have abandoned his business on the instruction of a strange voice and travelled to his home town, Iwere-Ile Oyo State hoping to consult traditional healers to heal him from the strange voice which has caused him to murder his 100 years old grandmother.

On his arrival back home, Saheed was alleged to have wreck havoc on the sleepy town when he began to attack residents with broken bottles and thereafter proceeded to his 100 years old grandmother’s home and stabbed her to death.

The accused is now a guest of police detectives at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Iyaganku, Ibadan where he is being detained in connection with the offence.

While explaining what actually prompted him to stab his 100 years old grandmother to death in a chat with **Security & Crime**, Saheed said he never knew that he would embarked on a journey that would caused him to stab his grandmother to death.

According to him “It was after I had committed the heneous crime that it dawned on me that I must have acted on the instruction of the strange voice that ordered me to proceed to Iwere-Ile to carry out the dastard act.

“It is most infortunate that I killed her, it was not done intentionally, I did it unconsciously, it must have been a spell cast on me by some unknown persons whom I might have offended.” Oh! “I don’t know it will end like this, it is shameful, may God forgive me.”



The slain 100-year-old Saudatu Apeke

Saheed further explained to **Security & Crime** that he was an ‘Okada’ rider in Lagos who keeps lot of friends. ‘I don’t know which one I must have offended, I just broke down in tears when I saw my two hands in handcuff’ with people around me, I started asking question about. I’m being tied down with handcuff, they told me that I’ve just stabbed my grandmother to death, I said “No” it cant happen and broke down in tears.”

“I could still remember vividly the event that landed me in this terrible mess. I knew that before I travelled home, I have been on the street in Ketu area of Lagos want dering about aimlessly for seven days, on the seventh day, I heard a strange voice that ordered me to proceed home, thereafter, I called a brother at home and explained that I wanted to come home and seek spiritual assitance in connection with the strange voice”.

The suspect who claimed that he recently loss his father at home also told **Security & Crime** that before he could give the strange voice a thought, he had boarded a tax; from Ketu to Sango where he envetually took a bus to Iwere-Ile.

“They told me that as soon as I disembarked from the bus, I started attacking passers-by with

dangerous weapons and thereafter my grandma's house and stabbed her to death, I was even told that she had been bed-ridden since almost a year ago due to oldage.

While describing Saheed's explanations as flimsy, the officer-in-charge of SCID said that the suspect would soon be charged to court as soon as his men concludes their interrogation.

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