

Jilted lover stabs girlfriend to death

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LAGOS—A boy has stabbed his 21-year-old girlfriend to death in her father's apartment for refusing to continue with the relationship. The boy, identified as Odate Thomas stabbed his girlfriend, Stella Dideolu severally at different part of her body and later stabbed himself in the stomach at their number 8, Adewuyi Street in Ijesa, Lagos.

Vanguard learnt that both the boy and the girl have been going out as lovers for a long time until recently when parents of the girl objected to the continuation of the relation-

ship.

It was gathered that in spite of the objection by the girl's family, the boy insisted that they must continue with the affair. Sources said that at this stage, the girl who, until her death, was a 100-level undergraduate at the University of Ilorin decided to call it quits with the relationship but the boy remained adamant.

On the fateful day, sources said the boy came into their compound and invited the girl into her parent's apartment. It was learnt that as soon as the girl came inside the building to listen to him, the boy said also to had dropped out of the same school after a diploma course, brought out a jack-

knife and stabbed her several times at different parts of her body.

The girl reportedly ran outside and collapsed while the boy quickly locked himself inside the house. Eyewitness account said the girl was quickly rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. However, the story took a new twist when both members of the girl's family and sympathizers broke the door to their apartment only to see the boy on the floor in a pool of his blood. He reportedly stabbed himself severally on the stomach later and collapsed also. He was subsequently rushed to Lagos State Teaching Hospital, Idi-Araba where doctors are battling to save his life.

When *Vanguard* visited the hospital around 12 noon yesterday, hospital authorities said they had instructions not to allow any visitor see the boy. However, some policemen were seen around the area and it was gathered that their presence was as a result of threats by some people related to the dead girl to take their pound of flesh.

Tray buffalo hurt 3

his Fiat Punto after he collided with the beast.

A police spokeswoman said the driver was treated in hospital for minor injuries.

Two other cars collided with each other as drivers swerved to avoid a pile-up on the A590

near Dalton-in-Furness.

The driver and passenger of a Ford Focus were taken to hospital suffering from whiplash injuries.

The buffalo, owned by a local man, died in Monday's accident.