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## Man allegedly kills friend over lover

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CALABAR— ONE Abraham Bepeh of Betukwel community in Obubu Local Government Area of Cross River State, has been arrested by the police for allegedly killing his friend identified as Richard Beshel Mashok with whom he had been having a running battle over a lover, Miss Anna Ushie.

Abraham is now with the State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, at the Police Headquarters, Diamond Hill in Calabar, where the Officer-in-Charge of homicide, Mr. Joseph Inuyashe, said he was to explain why he killed the deceased.

According to the police, “during interrogation, Abraham described his victim as ‘my close friend’, alleging that ‘Richard was the first who attempted to eliminate me over the girl both of us are in love with, Miss Anna Ushie, a student of Immaculate (Annunciation) Secondary School, Ohong’.”

To convince the Police, Abraham who displayed some scars on his neck, legs, hands and chest alleged he had a lingering face-off with Richard, whom he said regularly inflicted him with machete cuts.

Abraham dropped out of school at JSS3 because of cult activities, while the deceased was said to have recently graduated with a degree in Education and was attached to Immaculate (Annunciation) Secondary School Ohong, Obudu as a teacher.

Reports have it that Richard hailed from Betukwel village, a nearby community to the Ohong village where Abraham hails from.

On the day of the incident, Richard was said to have left a barbing salon and was taking his clothes to a dry-cleaner when he ran into Abraham who accosted him, saying they should finish what they had started some weeks back.

A fight was said to have ensued and Abraham reportedly brought out a dagger and stabbed the deceased on his neck and took to

his heels but some boys went after him and caught him.

Efforts to save Richard's life failed as he died before reaching the Obubu General Hospital where he was rushed to for medical attention.

Abraham who spoke with Vanguard in his confinement said "the boy was a secret cult member. He was initiated into Vikings in 2002, long before I was initiated."

"We used to fight ourselves because of one girlfriend we were sharing and I told him that since he had seized Anna from me, let him leave me alone but he would not."

"Whenever we came across each other, he would ask me if I was coming to attack him, opening his shirt to show me a locally made pistol concealed in his trousers".

Abraham whose father is a pastor lamented that his Clergy father always advised him to give his life to Christ and avoid nefarious acts, but he did not listen as he wanted to move with modern trend, to be seen as a 'hard gay'.

The Cross River State Police Command spokesman, DSP John Imoh said the police was going to carry out detailed investigation into the case, as the suspect has mentioned other members of his cult group that the police must go after.

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