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Police arrest man for stabbing lover to death in Lagos

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LAGOS — The Police in Lagos have arrested a man, Raphael Effiong (28), who allegedly stabbed his girlfriend to death during a fracas in a hotel located in Alapere, Ketu area of Lagos on Tuesday.

But the deceased's family alleged that the lover boy lured her to the hotel and attempted to chop off her breasts and fingers, apparently for ritual purpose.

Vanguard gathered that Effiong and his lover, Gift Sunday (26) checked into a room in the hotel located at 10, Yusuf Eleran Street, Ketu, Tuesday evening.

Next day, staff of the hotel were said to have been taken aback by shouts from the room following which the hotel workers forced the door open, only to find the deceased in a pool of her blood.

Efforts to save her life failed as she reportedly died in a private hospital located on Elebiju Street, also in Ketu, Lagos.

Her remains, as gathered, were deposited at the Ikorodu General Hospital mortuary.

A relative of the deceased, who spoke to Vanguard on condition of anonymity, said: "What we heard was that on reaching the hotel, the suspect ordered for drinks. As our daughter was sipping hers, he brought out a pair of scissors and started cutting one of her breasts.

"She was screaming at that point. Not done, he cut one of her fingers and attempted to gag her so he could finish his satanic mission.

"Her scream alerted people who came to her rescue. We were told she gave this version while she was being rushed to the hospital.

"We were also told the boyfriend attempted to escape but was apprehended by the hotel staff before the arrival of

policemen from Alapere.

"Her death has plunged everyone into sorrow. All we want is for the police to find out why Raphael killed our daughter."

However, when the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Ngozi Braide, was contacted, she said: "Yes, we have that case. But that is not what happened. What happened was that a man stabbed his girlfriend with scissors inside a hotel room in Alapere during a fight. The lady later died while the suspect has been arrested and is currently in our custody."

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