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## Man, 43, kills friend over N30 dry gin in Lagos

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As Police raid community, arrest over 30

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**LAGOS** — The Lagos State Police are currently investigating the death of a 57-year-old man allegedly stabbed to death by his friend during a disagreement over sachet of dry gin worth N30, in Otto community, an outskirts of Lagos.

Meanwhile, Police officers have gone on a raiding spree in the community. They were said to have roused some people from sleep and taken them away. The officers, it was gathered, came twice to raid the community and allegedly whisked away about 30 suspects.

It was gathered that the victim, identified as Mr. Abudu (aka Baba Timo), who had moved from Bariga to Otto some months ago, was cooling down with local gin at a joint with his friend (names yet unknown) when trouble began.

*Vanguard* gathered that the disagreement, which started as a joke at 8p.m., last Friday took a new dimension at 10 p.m., after the duo engaged in a fight, using dangerous weapons such as broken bottle and cutlass on each other.

It was learned that because of the harmattan cold, most residents had gone to bed while others could not intervene because of the use of dangerous weapons by the two parties.

Baba Timo reportedly inflicted machete cuts on his friend's head and hand, while his friend used a broken bottle on his (Baba Timo) neck.

Unfortunately, Baba Timo died on the spot while his friend who sustained injuries on his head and neck is currently receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital in Lagos.

Narrating how Police officers raided houses in the community, Mrs Titi Balogun, whose husband and son were arrested, told *Vanguard:* "At few minutes past 11p.m., I woke one of my sons to put off the generator, immediately he did that and locked the back door, I noticed movement outside through my window and later someone began to hit on the back door very hard.

"I came out of my room and went to open the door and behold, they were police officers. One of them asked me why we put

off our generator, and I said because it was late. They then went into one of the rooms and woke my husband, who was sleeping. They entered the other room, woke one of my sons and his friend and then arrested them."

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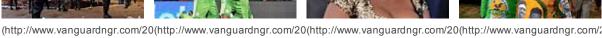
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