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Man, 40 charged with car theft

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LAGOS—A 40-year-old man, Kareem Kolade, has been charged before an Ikeja Magistrate's court in Lagos for allegedly stealing a Toyota Camry car valued at N1.5 million.

The accused, whose address remain unknown, was alleged to have committed the alleged crime at No. 2 Kehinde Babatunde Street, Okerube, Ikotun area of Lagos.

Kolade was arraigned by the police on a two-count charge of conspiracy and stealing.

However, when the charge was read to him before Magistrate Abimbola Komolafe, he pleaded not guilty.

Count 2 read: "That you Kareem Kolade 'm' and others at large on February 22, 2015 at No. 2 Kehinde Babatunde Street, Okerube Ikotun in the Lagos Magisterial District did steal one Toyota Camry valued at N1.5 million, property of one Amusire Oluwaseun Felix."

According to the police prosecutor, Inspector Eranus Nnamonu, the offence is punishable under Section 285 (9b) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2011.

Magistrate Abimbola Komolafe granted the accused bail in the sum of N250,000 with two surety that are to be blood relations and must show evidence of tax payment for the period of three years.

The matter was adjourned to April 30, 2015.

Woman stabs husband to death over PDP, APC presidential candidates

By Evelyn Usman

LAGOS—Lagos State Police Command has arrested a 26-year-old pregnant woman who allegedly stabbed her husband to death during a quarrel over who would emerge winner between the Peoples Democratic Party and All Progressives Congress, APC presidential candidates, while voting was on-going, weekend, at Ejigbo area of the state.

The incident, which threw the densely populated area into disarray, occurred at about 12noon inside the couple's one room apartment at 81 Military zone junction.

There were different accounts on how tragedy struck. A version of the account said the couple had divergent views on their choice of presidential candidates. While the husband was said to have decided to vote for the PDP, his wife, simply called Onyiyechi, reportedly chose to vote for the presidential candidate of the APC. An argument which degenerated into a fight over whose choice would hold sway reportedly ensued between them.

In the process, Onyiyechi allegedly stabbed her husband with a kitchen knife in the chest region.

Another version said the deceased, whose identity could not be immediately ascertained, told his pregnant wife to take the okro she was grating inside the room, to the veranda which also served as kitchen, an instruction she reportedly disobeyed, following which an argument which led to a fight occurred.

Visit to the scene

When *Vanguard* visited the

scene of the incident yesterday, the couple's apartment was under lock. Their neighbours however described the suspect as an amicable person who had never quarreled with anyone since she moved into the building.

One of the tenants who spoke on condition of anonymity told *Vanguard* that they did not witness how the suspect allegedly stabbed her husband.

But he explained that: "We were all outside waiting to vote when Onyiyechi rushed out, shouting for help. Out of curiosity, we all ran inside, only to discover blood all over the ground, on entering their apartment."

"On closer observation, we noticed that the blood was from her husband chest region. We met him on the ground. Before we could rush him to the hospital, he gave up the ghost."

Perhaps, he would have survived the attack had Onyiyechi called for help early. From all indication, it was clear that she attempted to manage the situation immediately the incident occurred. It was when she discovered that the situation had overwhelmed her that she raised alarm.

"I do not know the name of her husband. We only know that of his wife, who we fondly call Onyiyechi. The irony of this matter is that she is not cantankerous."

"She has never beaten a little child, let alone to fight with any neighbor. Again on that day, we saw both of them together. They were seen sitting outside, one hour before the incident occurred. Policemen from Ejigbo later came to remove the corpse to the Isolo morgue."



The house where the tragedy occurred.

30-year-old killed for buying cigarette on credit

By Esther Onyegbula

LAGOS—OPERATIVES of Lagos State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, are currently investigating the murder of 30-year-old Idowu Malik, aka Ori-gold who was supposedly murdered by one Ali Mustapha at Ikotun area of Lagos.

It was learned that the suspect, Ali Mustapha, a

degenerated into a brawl. During the fight, Ali allegedly hit Idowu on his head with a huge stick. *Vanguard* learned he reportedly bled to death before he got help.

Suspect's Confession

Confessing to the crime, 42-year-old Ali Mustapha said: "I am from Kwara State, I have a shop where I sell articles, that evening Ori-gold came to buy a stick of cigarette from me