Store keeper stabs boss dead over one-year unpaid salary

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Akure—A 42-year-old assistant store keeper with the Ondo Multipurpose Cooperative Union, Ondo town, Ondo State, Adewale Adegoroye, yesterday, explained that he stabbed his boss, 60-year-old Akin Akinmulero to death over N700,000.

Knife stab

Adewale, who was paraded by the state police command in Akure, alleged that he had not been paid salary for almost a year.

The suspect told newsmen that the deceased was his benefactor, having invited him to join the company after he was jobless for years.

He said the deceased and himself had worked in a cocoa company in Ondo town, which later folded up.

According to Adegoroye, he had been complaining of hunger and maltreatment for a long time, but the deceased had turned deaf ears to his complaints.

However, he said he decided to confront his manager on the ill-fated day, when he came with a large sum of money to the office.

His words: "I confronted my boss, telling him I have not been treated well since I joined the company. I even told him that I have not eaten that day and that something should be done to my case.

"He asked me to excuse him that he was busy and when I refused to leave the office, we started arguing and he slapped me in the process.

"He later took a knife and we started struggling for it. I collected it from him and stabbed him.

"It was not with the intention to kill him. All I wanted to do was to register my complaint, but when he brought out a knife, I wanted to collect it from him, but later stabbed him.

"I was later told he had died. I am very sorry. I never wanted to kill him. It is the devil that pushed me."

The suspect confessed that he took the money which he alleged was N200,000 and fled the scene after the victim fell on the ground.

Police angle

Police source, however, hinted that the suspect trailed the deceased to the office and used the back door to gain access to the office.

He reportedly entered into an argument with the manager after which he stabbed him and took away N700,000 only to be arrested after he jumped the fences of three houses close to the company.

Parading the suspect, the imagemaker of the state police command, Femi Joseph, said one Valentine Akinbolasere of 59 Akinboyewa Street, Oka-Akoko, reported that on August 1 at 11:40a.m., one Akin Akinmulero, Manager Ondo Multipurpose Cooperative Union, Ondo, aged 60 years, was attacked by one Adewale Adegoroye, also a staff of the union, by stabbing him with knife and snatched N700,000 from the victim.

"The victim sustained injury and was rushed to State Specialist Hospital, Ondo, but gave up the ghost.

"The suspect was apprehended by the members of the public and handed over to the Police."

Joseph said the suspect would soon be charged to court for murder after the completion of investigation.

The offences violated Sections 120(1), 120(2), 126(2) and 467 of the Criminal Code Law of 2003.