

## News



## Jealous 30-yr-old man sets 19-yr-old lover, family ablaze

By Evelyn Usman

A 30-year-old man, Shola Adewunmi, who set the make-shift home of his 19-year-old lover ablaze, killing her, her mother and two sisters in Powerline, Abule-Ado area of Lagos State, has blamed his action on jealousy and anger.

Adewunmi, who claimed to have spent so much money on the teenager, Ominitan Esther, fled the scene after setting the family ablaze. But he was arrested last month, through his phone which was abandoned while running away from the scene.

He told operatives at the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigations Department that he got angry, after the teenager turned down his marriage proposal.

According to him, "Esther, lived with her mother and two sisters at 21, Anjorin street, Powerline. We were going out and in the process I proposed to her. At first she agreed she would marry me, but later started avoiding me.

"At a point she summoned courage and told me to my face that she was no longer interested. Her family also refused my proposal. They said I had no visible means of livelihood.

"I didn't know what came over me. I did what I did out of jealousy and anger. I didn't know they would die in the fire. I thought it would only burn their property."

Identities of the family members that were burnt to death in the inferno are Mrs. Gbenki Omonitan, Ayomide, 11, and Oluwafemi, six.

Adewunmi was charged before the Ebute-Metta Magistrate's Court for murder, where Presiding Magistrate O. A. Salawu directed that he should be remanded in prison custody without an option of bail, pending when the report from the Director of Public Prosecutions, DPP is received.

## Police arrest 128 pe

By Joseph Erunke

FORCE Headquarters, Abuja, declared yesterday that 128 persons were arrested across the country for electoral offences in last Saturday's presidential and National Assembly elections.

Force spokesman, ACP Frank Mba, in a statement