

# Father, deserter arrested over murder of son

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**T**HE Police in Lagos have arrested one Dada Animashaun and a deserter from the Nigerian Army, Felix Ezike, 27, over the murder of a 19-year-old boy, at Egbe, Ikotun area of Lagos

It was gathered Animashaun invited the army deserter, Ezike, to his house on Rasheed Bello Street, last Friday to discipline his son, Deji, the deceased, whom he accused of stealing.

But the deceased reportedly resisted the punishment served by Ezike after which a heated argument ensued.

Residents said the argument degenerated into a fight during which Ezike allegedly stabbed Deji in the head and other parts of the body with a jackknife.

It was gathered that the deserter hired a tricycle which drove Deji to an undisclosed hospital for treatment, only to be confirmed dead on arrival by doctors.

When news of Deji's death filtered into the vicinity, some youths attempted to lynch Ezike, but for the prompt arrival of a team of policemen from Ikotun division, who were contacted by concerned residents.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Elkana Bala, who confirmed the incident, said: "The corpse has been evacuated to the morgue for autopsy. Father of the deceased and the said Ezike have been arrested and the exhibit recovered.