

Police arrest 1, hunt key suspect in murder of Delta retired judge

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Operatives of the Delta State Police Command have arrested one suspect, identified as Lucky Matthew, in connection with the alleged killing of retired Justice Ifeoma Okogwo in the state.

The command also said it has launched a manhunt for the principal suspect, identified as Godwin Vanem, who reportedly fled the house after the incident.

The retired judge was found

dead in her home behind The Pointer Newspapers in Asaba, with her hands and mouth tied. The entire house was said to have been ransacked by her assailants.

The night security guard assigned to her residence was also said to have disappeared shortly after the incident, raising suspicions of internal collaboration.

The deceased's younger brother, Ogbueshi Godfrey Okogwu, who reported the

incident to the police, said only God knows what transpired. He said his elder sister was murdered in her house and that the killing may have occurred during the night.

The Command's spokesperson, Bright Edafe, in a statement, said the incident was reported on 24 November 2025 by the deceased's brother, who visited her residence and found her lifeless body in the sitting room with her hands, legs, and mouth tied.