

Bus driver arrested in Edo over girlfriend's death

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A 42-year-old commercial bus driver, identified as Osabohien Ogieva, has been arrested by operatives of the [Edo State Police Command](#) over the death of his 32-year-old girlfriend, Joy Jerome.

The incident occurred at Ikpe community in Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area of the state.

The [Command's Police Public Relations Officer \(PPRO\)](#), Eno Ikoedem, who confirmed the incident, said the lifeless body of the woman was discovered along a roadside near a river on January 10, 2026.

According to her, operatives of the Idogbo Police Division promptly responded to a distress call and moved the body to a hospital, where she was confirmed dead and later deposited at the mortuary.

Ikoedem said investigations revealed that the deceased, a resident of the Upper Sakponba area of Benin City, was in a romantic relationship with the suspect.

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She added that further investigation led to Ogieva's arrest, during which he reportedly confessed to having a disagreement with the deceased on January 9, 2026, while conveying her in his bus.

The PPRO said the suspect allegedly abandoned the body near a river at Ikpe community and went into hiding.

She alleged that the suspect later contacted the family of the deceased, claiming he had not seen her for days.

The PPRO disclosed that the suspect is currently in police custody and would be charged in court upon the conclusion of investigations.