

Police arrest two over killing of 62-year-old woman in Ibadan

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The [Oyo State Police Command](#) has arrested two suspects in connection with the killing of a 62-year-old woman at Ori-Apata Oderemi area of Ido, Ibadan.

The victim's body was reportedly discovered after about seven days along a bush path within the community.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Olayinka Ayanlade, said the deceased was found lying in a pool of blood with a deep cut on her neck.

Ayanlade stated that the body was transferred to the Adeoyo General Hospital morgue for autopsy and post-mortem examination to determine the cause of death.

According to him, preliminary investigations led to the arrest of two suspects, Muhammed Sanusi, 42, and Ogbu James Ajah, 40, both residents of the Ori-Apata area of Ido. He said investigations are ongoing.

The PPRO said, “The Oyo State Police Command wishes to inform the general public of a suspected murder incident which occurred at Ori-Apata Oderemi area of Ido, Ibadan.”

“The incident was reported to the Police by a good Samaritan who discovered the lifeless body of a 62-year-old woman in a bush path within the community.

“The deceased was found lying in a pool of blood with a deep cut on her neck. Upon receipt of the report, detectives promptly visited the scene, where preliminary findings revealed that the corpse had been at the location for at least seven days prior to its discovery.

“Consequently, the body was immediately evacuated to the morgue at Adeoyo General Hospital for autopsy and post-mortem examination to scientifically determine the actual cause of death.”

He added that, in furtherance of a thorough investigation, the scene was immediately sealed off, and forensic experts were deployed to process and gather evidence that will aid in identifying, arresting, and prosecuting the perpetrator(s).

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In line with standard investigative procedure and to ensure a comprehensive and discreet inquiry, the case has since been transferred to the [State Criminal Investigation Department \(SCID\)](#).

“Preliminary investigation has led to the arrest of two suspects now identified as Muhammed Sanusi ‘m’ age 42 years, and Ogbu James Ajah ‘m’ age 40 years, both residents of Ori-Apata area, Ido, in connection with the incident.

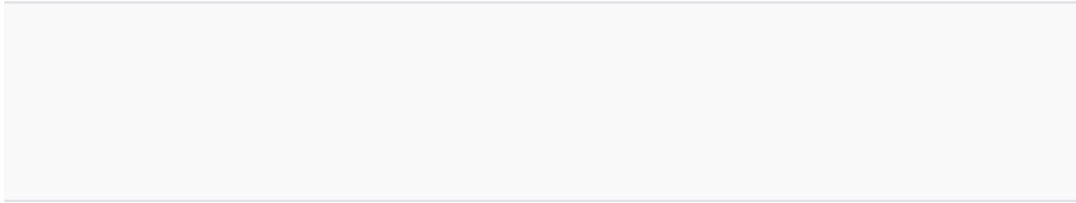
“The suspects are currently in custody at the State CID and are assisting the Police with ongoing investigations, while efforts are being intensified to apprehend any other accomplices linked to the crime.

The unfortunate development initially triggered protests by aggrieved family members and sympathisers within the community.

“However, the situation was swiftly brought under control through the timely intervention of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Ido Division, in collaboration with the Local Government Chairman, who jointly appealed to and pacified the bereaved family and other aggrieved members of the public, urging them not to take the law into their hands.

“Their intervention helped restore calm and prevent any breakdown of law and order.

Following this, the Command, in collaboration with other security agencies and relevant non-state actors, commenced intensive joint patrols across the affected community and adjoining areas.



“Police operational assets and tactical teams have been strategically deployed to the area to maintain public order, strengthen visibility policing, and reassure residents of their safety”, Ayanlade noted.

He disclosed that, in a demonstration of responsive leadership, the Commissioner of Police, Femi Haruna, alongside a high-powered delegation from the [Oyo State Government](#), visited the affected community to assess the situation first-hand and commiserate with the bereaved family.

He added that the CP has further directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of Operations to coordinate and lead all necessary operational deployments to ensure sustained peace and stability in the area.

“The Oyo State Police Command assures members of the public that no stone will be left unturned in unravelling the circumstances surrounding this heinous act and ensuring that justice is served.

“Residents are enjoined to remain calm, law-abiding, and to provide credible and actionable information that may assist the ongoing investigation”, he added.