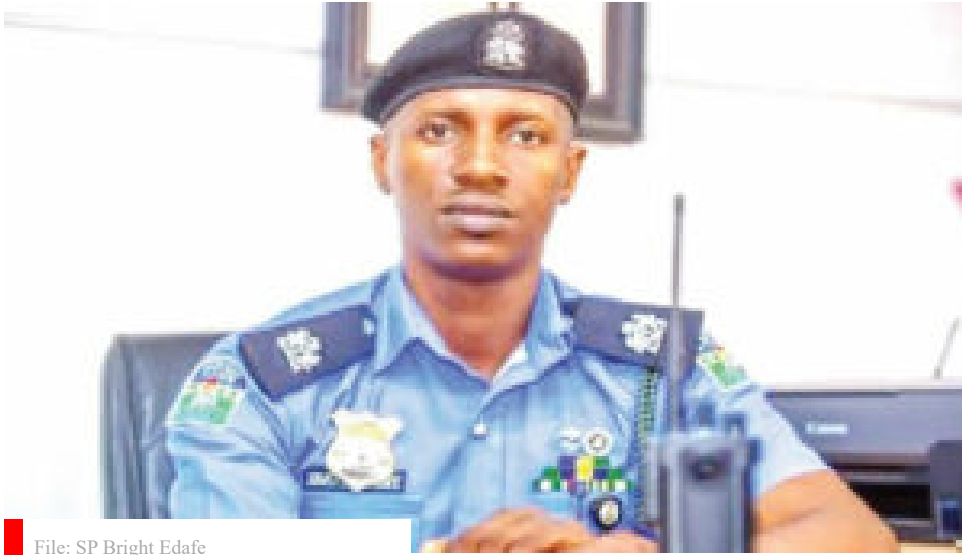


# Police arrest one, hunt killers of retired Delta Judge

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File: SP Bright Edafe

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The Delta State Police Command says it has arrested one Lucky Matthew and launched a manhunt for others over the killing of retired Justice Ifeoma Okogwu.

Police spokesperson for the command, SP Bright Edafe, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

He said, “On November 24, 2025, the DPO ‘A’ Division Asaba received a complaint from the brother of Justice Ifeoma Okogwo (retd.) that he visited her residence only to discover her lifeless body in the sitting room with her hands, legs and mouth tied.

“Upon receipt of the complaint, the DPO swiftly led men to her residence, where the corpse was evacuated and taken to the mortuary for autopsy.

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“One suspect, Lucky Matthew, has been arrested, while the principal suspect, Godwin Vanem, is presently at large.

“On the directive of the Commissioner of Police, Delta State, CP Olufemi Abaniwonda, the case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (Homicide Section) for discreet investigation.

“Preliminary investigation revealed that the said Godwin Vanem is suspected of having committed the dastardly act and fled the apartment. The command has launched a manhunt for the fleeing suspect.”

Edafe added that CP Abaniwonda, on behalf of the command, condoled with the family of the deceased and assured them of justice, urging anyone with useful information to assist the police with the ongoing investigation.