

Decomposing body found in apartment, Osun police begin probe

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File photo: Police officer

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Decomposing remains of a hairstylist, simply identified as Kemisola, were discovered on Thursday in his room at a house located around Jaleyemi Area of Osogbo, Osun State.

When The PUNCH arrived at the scene, the remains were being evacuated.

A co-tenant to the deceased, who preferred anonymity for security reasons, said he observed the door to the deceased's room partly open early in the morning.

He further explained that Kemisola had not been seen for some time in the house, adding that he made an attempt to check her after repeated greetings went unanswered.

He subsequently discovered her lifeless body lying on the bed.

“This morning, I noticed that her apartment door was open and I called out to greet her, but she didn't respond.

“That was when I decided to check on her, and I was shocked to find her decomposing body lying on the bed. I don't even know her full name. We only exchanged greetings, and occasionally we exchanged pleasantries as neighbours,” he said.

A neighbour to the deceased, simply identified as Jide, who said he saw Kemisola on Monday, said the cause of the stench coming out of her room on Tuesday was initially mistaken for a dead rat, until her corpse was found.

Before the remains were evacuated, a knife, a mobile phone, and an empty bottle of a substance were found on the bed where Kemisola lay in her room.

Also speaking on the incident, a man who claimed to be an elder brother to the deceased, but pleaded not to be named in the press, said he saw Kemisola on Monday, when she returned from a trip to Igbajo.

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“When I saw her on Monday, she told me she would come back to me. But I didn’t see her until her dead body was found today. She was a hair stylist,” he said.

Another neighbour of the deceased, Damilola, explained that Kemisola had moved out of her apartment due to the challenge of irregular power supply and moved in with her maternal uncle.

Damilola said, “Kemisola was like a younger sister to me. She was a lovely person. When she came back on Monday, she greeted me and went inside. I was surprised this morning to hear about her death.

“She left this area to stay with her mother’s younger brother three months ago and only comes here once in a while. Her neighbour might not have even known she was inside until the odour started.”

When contacted for further clarification, the spokesperson for Osun State Police Command, Abiodun Ojelabi, said the incident had been reported.

Ojelabi further said, “The incident was reported today. The remains were evacuated by the police, and an autopsy will be carried out. No mark of violence on the deceased.

“But the police will investigate the incident to know exactly the circumstances surrounding the death.”

Recall that in January, the Kemta Divisional Police under the Ogun State Police Command raised the alarm after a swollen body of 45-year-old Tolulope Olusanya, a tenant.

The police said the landlord, identified as Adebessin Adebayo, had raised the alarm when the deceased was not seen around Shittu Street, Madojutimi Abiola Way, Abeokuta, for several days.