

# Man, 35, sells mother for N.3m

**T**he police have arrested a 35-year-old man in Ado-Ekiti for allegedly selling his 60-year-old mother for N350,000.

The suspect, who made the shocking revelation in the presence of a large crowd at the palace of Ewi of Ado-Ekiti, Oba Rufus Adejugbe, said he sold his mother for the sum.

He was subsequently arrested by the police on Monday after the revelation, as a mob was set to attack him.

The suspect declined to give the names of those who bought his mother whose disappearance had generated a lot of tension in the family compound at No. 21, Araromi Street, Okesha.

Adejugbe, who expressed surprise at the incident, said he invited the police to arrest the suspect to enable them to dig to the root of the matter.

The traditional ruler also said that he ordered the arrest of the suspect to serve as a deterrent to other criminally minded youths in the

society.

A member of the family, Mr Disu Oyeniyi, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the incident was "unfortunate and embarrassing".

Oyeniyi said: "I left the 60-year-old woman at home on Saturday, Sept. 24, to go to my farm only to come back to meet her absence at about 4 p.m."

He said on enquiry, nobody could give any clue concerning the whereabouts of the old woman.

A daughter of the missing woman, Mrs Feyi Olabimtan, said when the news was broken to her, she was shocked and quickly left her husband's home to relocate to Okesha.

Reliable sources at the state police command confirmed that the suspect was in their custody, but did not provide information about the woman's whereabouts.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mrs Ivy Okoronkwo, was said to have been travelled to Abuja. (NAN)