

Kidnappers kill woman after collecting ransom in Kogi

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Hoodlums who reportedly kidnapped a woman, Mrs Jummai Usman Daniel, at Ogane-aji-Anyigba in Dekina LGA of Kogi State, have killed her after collecting N300,000 ransom.

According to the family, the incident happened on Wednesday around 8pm when the alleged kidnappers struck at her house at Ogane-aji, a suburb of Anyigba and took her to their hideout in the bush.

Late Mrs Daniel, who hails from Oganenigwu but settled at Ogane-aji -Anyigba, was said to be in a company of her little grandson in her house when the hoodlums came in to kidnap her.

The family stated that the hoodlums contacted them on Thursday, demanding N2m ransom.

"The initial ransom demand of N2 million was later reduced to N300,000 which the family paid through a POS, as requested her alleged kidnappers in a phone contact.

"After we had paid the money, we did not see her. Later, the kidnappers told us to check at the back of her house.

"We were surprised to see her corpse under a cashew tree behind her house on Friday night," said a person from the family of the deceased woman who craved anonymity.

The POS operator was said to have been arrested by vigilantes and hunters in the area on Saturday, and handed over to the police.

When contacted, the Kogi State Police Command's spokesman, SP William Aya promised to get in touch but didn't as at the time of this report.



■ The woman