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In Ilorin, police arrest man for killing his mother

From Abiodun Fagbemi, Ilorin

THE Kwara State Police Command has arrested a 25-year-old man, Abdulfatai Awoli, for allegedly killing his 75-year-old mother, Memunat, at Emir Road, Ilorin, the state capital.

The incident, which occurred at the weekend, had since thrown the residents into a state of bewilderment.

They said the suspect had never for once manifested any signs of insanity since his birth.

Awoli, who allegedly confessed to killing his mother upon interrogation by the police, linked his action with instructions from a spiritualist, Rasheed Isola, who disclosed to the suspect that the woman, his mother, was behind his problems in life.

According to him: "Since my life, I had never known joy and happiness. I had been a child of sorrow and burden since six years of age, till date.

"My friend, Isola, who is also a spiritualist told me that unless my mother died, I would not know peace and joy."

Sources told The Guardian at the weekend that Awoli carried out the act while the aged woman was observing "Nafilat," a special prayer, in her room.

The suspect, allegedly cut the unsuspecting woman in the neck and head, after a sporadic chanting of 'Bisimillahi', then left her dead in the pool of her blood.

But nemesis caught up with him, when his older brother, after discovering the lifeless body of their mother, found the suspect sleeping in his room unperturbed, but with some traces of blood on his body.

The suspect, who allegedly tried to run away, was apprehended at Offa garage area of the town, by men of the Command, from 'C' Division Police station, Ilorin.

Confirming the development, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Command, Tunde Mohammed, an Assistant Superintendent, said the suspect would be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department, (CID), Ilorin, for further investigation.

Mohammed added that the remains of the deceased had since been deposited at the morgue of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UIITH), Ilorin for autopsy.

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