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Woman kills 65-year-old husband with pestle in Ondo

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A mother of three, Tayelolu Solomon, has allegedly killed her 65-year-old husband, Felix Solomon, with a pestle in Ondo town, headquarters of the Ondo West Local Council of Ondo State.

The incident, which occurred in the couple's residence located in the Government Reserved Area (GRA) of the town, has plunged the community into a state of mourning.

The Guardian gathered that the couple had a prolonged domestic dispute, with the suspect at different times, threatening to take her husband's life and flee.

The deceased's son, Ibukun Solomon, who was present during the incident, said: "My mother killed my father with a pestle and took to her heels. She used the pestle to hit his head when he was asleep.

"Earlier on the fateful day, a minor argument ensued, and resulted in a fight between them. After the fight, my father went to rest on the chair, and my mother hit his head with the pestle.

"He became unconscious in the process and fell down from where he was sleeping. My mother used the pestle to hit my father's head three times.

"When my mother saw that my father was already unconscious, she hid the pestle at the back of our house and ran away. I alerted some of the residents, who rushed my father to the hospital. But, he later died. His remains have been deposited at the morgue. My mother had three children for my father, and I'm the last child."

It was gathered that the deceased was in a coma when members of the community arrived at the scene, after which they called the police for help.

A member of the deceased's family said they were making efforts to settle the incessant fights between the couple before the tragedy.

He said: "The woman had been threatening to kill her husband whenever they were fighting. And the deceased informed us about the threats. But we never knew she would carry out the act.

"This time, she took laws into her own hands and killed our brother for nothing. She must be arrested and prosecuted accordingly."

Meanwhile, the police in the state said an investigation has begun, adding that the suspect would soon be apprehended.