

# Man Held For Selling 60-Year Old Mother.

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A 35 year-old man, identified as Oladimeji Tijani, has been arrested by the Police in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State capital for selling his 60 year-old mother, Mrs. Adefunke Tijani, for money making rituals.

Tijani, who confessed that he sold his mother to become rich, was said to have told members of the public who had gathered at the Oba's Palace in Ado-Ekiti on Tuesday that he had already collected a part payment of N350,000.

He, however, declined comments on who his other accomplices were, but said he gave his

mother N9,000 out of the money, adding that he used the amount to woo and deceived her before taking her to where she was eventually used for the ritual.

After confessing at the Ewi's Palace, Oba Rufus Adejigbe, then handed him over to the Police for further investigations.

It was, however, gathered that Tijani, who lives on No.21 Araromi Street, Okesha, was in the early hours of Saturday, September 24, said to have deceived her mother out to an unknown journey pretending that they were going to the farm.

Unknown to the mother that that would be her last day on earth, she bided everybody goodbye, saying she was going

to farm and would soon be back.

But when her neighbors expected her in the evening and did not see her word spread that she left earlier in the day with her son and a search team was organised to look for her while the Police were also informed of her disappearance.

It happened that after three days, it was reported that her headless corpse was found in a bush.

Sources also said nemesis caught up with Tijani, who was said to have confessed to be responsible for beheading his mother for money rituals following a spiritual revelation by an herbalist at Ora-Ekiti where a black calabash laced with herbs

was said to have been provided where the picture of his mother appeared.

The spirit of the late Adefunke was said to have been called upon to reveal her killers and to torment whoever was responsible for her death adding that unless they confess, they would find no rest.

Adefunke's spirit was said to have fingered Tijani. He was thereafter taken to the Ewi's Palace to confess otherwise he would be made to swear before the palace gods.

Tijani, who confessed he was responsible for the dastardly act before members of his family also confessed before a crowd of people who had

thronged the palace on Tuesday.

Speaking at Okesha, Ado Ekiti on Wednesday, Head of the family, Disu Oyeniyi, described Adefunke's death as an unfortunate incident, cursing all those who connected to it.

When contacted for their reactions, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Umar Babangida, and the Commissioner of Police Mrs. I.V.Y. Okorokwo, were said to have traveled to Abuja for an urgent official assignment.

However, a senior Police Officer confirmed the story saying the suspect is in detention at the Police Headquarters and is being interrogated.