

# Oyo Police Probe Death Of Middle-aged Woman

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Oyo Police Command is now trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of a middle-aged woman, Sadiat Lawal, whose corpse was found on a bridge in Kuola area of Apata, Abeokuta Road, Ibadan.

Sadiat, a resident of Dogo area, also in Apata, was said to have left her matrimonial home around 7.00 p.m. last Saturday to honour an appointment with a male friend who was believed to be negotiating a parcel of land for purchase.

That was her last outing.

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The suspected male friend (names withheld), a welder, is currently cooling his heels at the Divisional Police Station, Apata.

He was said to have grown up with the late Sadiat from childhood and remained her confidant till the last Saturday's episode.

Jumoke, aged 11 years, a Junior Secondary student of Queens School, Apata, and the second child of the deceased was said to have been with her mother when she (mother) received a call from the suspect inviting her for the deal.

It was the little girl who after waiting for several hours without seeing her mother back that evening

that raised an alarm by reporting to her grandparents.

The grandparents were said to be living close to the deceased.

Jumoke, in a chat with Daily Independent, claimed that she was there when her mother received the call and heard the conversation that the late Sadiat should come and see the land being negotiated for her by the detained man.

She explained that though her mother did not disclose where she was going to when she left home, she (Jumoke) was able to know where she went from the telephone conversation and was able to pick the telephone number later from her mother's mo-

bile set.

Sadiat's husband, Tajudeen, a police sergeant, serving in the Adigbe Police Station in Abeokuta, Ogun State, told Daily Independent just before the burial of his wife of 18 years on Wednesday that he was called on Sunday afternoon after frantic search for her failed.

He said it was when he arrived that he took the matter to the Apata Police Station where he was told that there was a reported case of a corpse found around Kuola and already deposited at Adeoyo State Hospital, off Abiola Way.

Oyo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Olabisi Okuwobi, could not confirm the story on the ground that the police command was yet to be briefed.