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Son hacks mum to death, buries her in shallow grave



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Tears have been flowing freely in Oloibiri in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State after the indigenes of the community on Monday discovered the butchered body of Mrs. Rose Johnny, in a shallow grave behind her residence.

Sources said the 67-year-old Rose was murdered by her 24-year-old son, Godsgift Johnny.

Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) discovered oil in commercial quantity in Oloibiri in 1956.

Daily Independent gathered that Godsgift butchered his mother in her sleep with a machete on Sunday night and buried her in the shallow grave.

He was said to have, after killing her, dragged her blood-soaked body through the window of her bedroom to where he dug the shallow grave and buried her.

It was learnt that Godsgift had menacingly told the deceased mother on the fateful evening that she would not live to see the next day.

But, the victim was said to have taken the threat with a pinch of the salt, as she went to bed after prayers.

“He took her bloodied body out of the room, through the window and dragged her to the back of the house”, a source said.

“He dug a shallow grave and dumped her body. He later covered it with sand.

“The next morning, at about 7.am, the door of the deceased mother’s house was noticed to be locked from the inside and several knocks on the door were not answered.

“Some concerned neighbours came and they forced the door

open. The whole room was littered with blood stains and signs of struggle”.

The concerned neighbours were said to have traced the blood patches towards the window of the room, leading them to the shallow grave at the back of the building.

“We saw the shallow grave and saw the body of the woman”, he added.

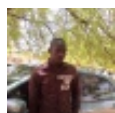
But, findings revealed that Godsgift had been suffering from bouts of mental derangement as he occasionally behaves abnormally and speaks incoherently.

A member of the family, who identified himself as Godwin, declined to speak on the incident when contacted on the telephone.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bayelsa Police Command, Alex Akhigbe, confirmed the incident, saying that the case had been transferred from the Ogbia police station to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Yenagoa for proper investigation.

He said the suspect’s family claimed that he is psychologically disturbed.

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