

# Man held in Oyo for lover's death

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The Oyo State Police Command has arrested a man, [Kunle Yakubu](#), over the death of a [21-year-old](#) health worker, [Miss Tolu Esuola](#), in [Oyo town](#), Oyo State.

It was learnt that the lady was badly [burnt](#) and [found dead](#) on her [bed](#).

Miss Esuola was trained at the School of Health Technology in Osun State.

She was said to be preparing for work at the Momoh Hospital, Oyo town, on July 24, when her room caught fire.

The fire, which razed two adjoining rooms in a [two-wing bungalow](#) at [Akeetan Baale Compound](#), started around 10.30pm.

But it was learnt that the fire was not noticed until about 11pm.

The body of the deceased, the daughter of Mr Femi and Mrs Juliana Esuola, allegedly showed that her hands were [tied with cables](#) and [the neck had the knot of a burnt-out rope](#).

This aroused the suspicion that she might have been murdered.

Besides, Tolu was found lying face down on the bed.

The neighbours reportedly said they did not hear any scream from her room, suggesting that the deceased might have been sedated before being tied with cables and possibly strangled before the room was torched.

Tolu was said to be the only occupant of the building that night because her mother and other siblings had travelled to a village and the father was also away in Ogbomoso, where he works.

The other three rooms were reserved by the owners of the house for brief stays whenever they were in town.

Every finger was however pointing at only one suspect, Kunle (former Aafa Yakubu) before the deceased's father converted him to Christian faith of the Deeper Life Bible Church.

Kunle reportedly lodged a complaint at the Ojongbodu Police Station, saying he was accused of killing Tolu.

He was believed to be her lover, though unknown to her parents until a misunderstanding erupted between them.

Though he claimed to be in Minna, Niger State, when Tolu died, it was learnt that the police are holding him to assist their investigation.

He has been transferred to the Homicide Section of the Iyaganku Police Division in Ibadan, the state capital, for further interrogation.

Police spokesperson Mrs Bisi Clet-Ilobanafor confirmed the incident.

She said though the suspect claimed he has no hand in Tolu's death, the police cannot establish a case until ongoing investigations are concluded