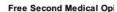


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76-year-old woman found dead in bedroom after prayer with 'pastor'

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THE Oyo state Police Command is currently looking into the murder of a 76-year-old woman, Mrs Jemima Ayanjoju Ogundiran, in her residence at Ile Odofin area of Jobele community, Oyo State, last Friday, July 5.

Police sources disclosed to Crime Reports that a family member of the deceased who introduced himself as her brother-in-law, reported at Jobele police station that the woman was suspected to have been murdered by a pastor who claimed to have come to conduct deliverance for her at about 11.30a.m.

The pastor was said to have fled the house before he could be arrested, while the old woman's body was later discovered by a housemaid.

It was reliably gathered that the deceased's stepson who was at home with the housemaid told the police that when the pastor came to the house, he was well received by the septuagenarian.

The stepson was said to have stated further that the old woman moved into her bedroom, and they started hearing the prayers of the pastor which were being said aloud.

The husband of the deceased reportedly came back from farm and when he approached his wife's room while the prayer was going on, he was reportedly instructed by the pastor not to come in, as he was conducting deliverance for the woman.

Mr Ogundiran thereafter retired to his bedroom to rest while the pastor was said to have left thereafter.

The body of the woman was reportedly discovered when the housemaid was sent to her room to enquire from her the type of food that would be prepared for lunch.

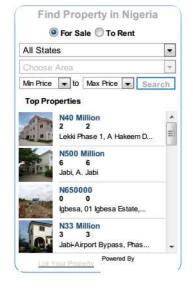
On getting to the woman's room, the housemaid saw her on the floor, while all her efforts to get a response from the deceased proved abortive, as she did not answer her call.

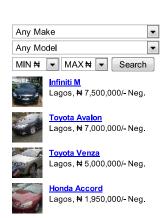
The maid reportedly went to the woman's husband to report what she saw and by the time he got to his wife's room, she was discovered dead.

Policemen from Jobele were said to have been informed and the Divisional Police Officer, Abiodun Agboola, a Superintendent of Police, visited the scene with his Divisional Crime Officer and other policemen.

However, the deceased's husband was said to have been hostile to the police when they were trying to ask questions that would give them a lead towards the author of the crime, as he was asking them about the number of murder cases that had been resolved in Nigeria by the police.

Unconfirmed reports had it that the deceased did not have any issue for her husband till her death.





When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in Oyo State, DSP Olabisi Ilobanafor, confirmed the story, saying that the remains of the deceased woman had been deposited in a mortuary for autopsy.

This, she said, would guide the police towards unravelling the cause of the woman's death, as there was no visible mark of violence on her body.

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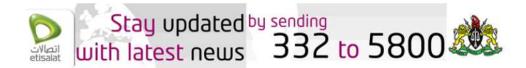
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