

75-yr-old beaten to death over electricity bill

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A 75-year-old landlord, Kayode Osunkalu, was at the weekend beaten to death by one of his tenants over an argument on electricity bill.

Osunkalu, who was said to be a retiree of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and the landlord of the building located at No 17, Ayeferere Street, Ondo, was hale and hearty in the morning of the incident before the argument ensued between him and his tenant, Tope Akindeji

Tragedy struck on Saturday morning when the octogenarian called his tenants to intimate them about the new development over the electricity bill brought by the officials of the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC).

It was gathered that the late landlord threatened to disconnect all lines leading to the tenants' rooms if they fail to pay the bill within 24 hours.

This, according to a source, infuriated the tenants, especially Akindeji who the deceased specifically accused of avoiding payment of his bills regularly.

The source explained that this led to hot argument and exchange of words before the landlord held unto the suspect's shirt for several minutes and in the process, he hit the octogenarian.

The source said: “Baba slumped in the process and was rushed to the State Specialist Hospital in Ondo by some residents but was confirmed dead at the hospital.”

Confirming the development, the Divisional Police Officer at Enuwa, Kunle Omisakin, said the suspect had been arrested and preliminary investigation had been carried out by his men

He, however, said the suspect has been transferred to the homicide section in Akure for further investigation.

He stated that the remains of the late landlord have been deposited at the morgue of the Ondo State Specialist Hospital, while investigation has continued on the matter.

Efforts to confirm the incident from the State Police Public Relations Officer, Femi Joseph, were not successful.