

THE police in Lagos State are investigating the murder of yet another woman allegedly by her husband in the Araromi area of Oshodi.

James Kafaru Esougie allegedly killed his wife, Rose, for refusing to give him money to travel to his hometown in Edo State.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Damasus Ozoani, who confirmed the incident to Saturday Tribune, said the man had acted under the influence of drugs.

The suspect, Ozoani said, had been transferred to the homicide section of the state police command for further investigation.

The father of five had reportedly denied the murder and accused one of his children of killing their mother.

James was said to have slashed his wife's throat while she was asleep in their home on Araromi Street, Oshodi, on Friday.

The couple were said to have had a troubled marriage with the man accused of having battered the woman several times.

An in-law to the suspect, who gave her name simply as Vero, said: "We were sleeping when my sister's husband came to wake the first son to go and urinate. This was around 4.00 a.m. When the boy went to wake his mother, he saw that she was not responding. He shook her vigorously but she did not respond and that was when he rushed to call me.

"When I got there, I shook her to wake her but there was no response. When I touched her legs, they were very cold. I shuddered and quickly removed the cloth on her face. It was then that I saw that the husband had used a knife to slash her throat. He cut the vein in her neck. She was in a pool of blood," the in-law said.