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Mother of 3 hires man to kill husband for marrying second wife

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A 39-year-old mother of three, Mrs Omotayo Salawudeen, has been arrested by the Osun State Police Command for allegedly hiring 24-year-old Oladapo Dolapo to kill her husband by stabbing him because he married a second wife.

Speaking on the arrest of the suspect on Monday, the state Commissioner of Police, Olafimiha Adeoye, said that after killing her husband, 43-year-old Alhaji Salawudeen Hakeem Salami of 11, Adeniran Street, Halleluyah Estate, Osogbo, the wife reported that the deceased was stabbed to death by two 'unknown' men at about 3:00a.m on May 12.

According to information gathered by *Metro*, the 'unknown' attackers were said to have left an inscription on the wall of the deceased's residence which read: "No Price, No Pay. Aye Axe. Forgiveness is a Sin", while no item was picked from the house.

The woman was said to have raised the alarm after the midnight killing, with the claims that the attackers were unknown.

But *Metro* learnt that the woman was arrested last Thursday, following investigation by the police which led to the arrest of the suspect used by the woman to commit the crime.

In an interview with *Metro*, Dolapo said that the wife of the deceased contracted him to kill her husband because he offended her.

"She told me that her husband offended her. She said they had been married for about 19 years.

"But the man married another wife, and since the new wife got in, he had stopped his responsibilities towards her and her children. I asked her if what she wanted to do would profit her and she said I should not bother as she would gain a lot.

"It was also at that time that I needed help, so I asked her if she would be helping me, and she promised to do so once



The two suspects, Mrs Omotayo Salawudeen and Oladapo Dolapo



the case had died down. I asked for N300,000, but she said she would give me N10,000 on the day I accomplished the job, with a promise that she would be doing everything I wanted from her thereafter.

"I have not killed before; it was just because I had no accommodation then and

I was living on the streets, that was why I agreed to do this thing. I did it just because the woman promised to assist me."

How I accomplished the job

"The woman invited me to her house and hid me at the back of the house.

After ascertaining that no one saw me when I entered, she led me into the house through the kitchen door and hid me in a store in the apartment. Her husband had yet to return home that time.

"By the time the man came home, they both went to the bedroom. She later came out to bring me to

her living room and asked me to come to the bedroom when it was 1:00a.m.

"At 1:00a.m, I entered the room. The husband did not know somebody entered, but the wife had known.

By this time, the husband was already sleeping, so as I entered, she signaled to me to come closer, and she

used a pillow to cover his face while I stabbed him. As soon as she held the pillow over his head, she ordered me to stab him, and I did. I collected the knife from a boy.

"When I was leaving, I dropped a paper with 'Aye Axemen' on the man's chest, so that they would think it was cultists who killed the man. When I was leaving, I told her that the main door was not broken and the police might suspect it was an insider's job. I dropped my shirt on the fence so the police would think it was from there I gained entry into the house. She then gave me a singlet and Jalabia to wear, and she opened the door for me.

"The time was past 2:00 a.m then. I returned the knife to the boy who borrowed me. I had cleaned the knife with the bedsheet in the room so it was free of bloodstain. I stabbed him in the chest.

Once an ex convict

"I had gone to prison once after I collected a phone from a boy and attempted to run away with it. I was pursued and arrested. I spent four months in Ifesha prison and was released in March this year."

In her confession, Mrs Salawudeen told *Metro* that she planned and executed the killing of her husband.

According to her, "it was the devil that pushed me. I really don't understand. I was just angry. My husband stopped taking care of me since he married another wife. He married the new wife in March 2016, and she has had a child for him.

"He stopped having sex with me and the few times we did was because I forced myself on him. He would not come home for several days. In fact, the intimacy was no longer between us. We were married for 18 years. I didn't have anybody I was dating. I have three children for him.

"I once took a keg of petrol to the second wife's house but was caught when the lady raised the alarm as I tried to open her apartment door. I am regretting my action now; I want Nigerians to forgive me."

19-yr-old jailed for life for raping woman, 35

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AN Ekiti State high court sitting in Ado Ekiti has sentenced a 19-year-old John Julius to life in jail after convicting him of the offence of sexually assaulting a 35-year-old woman, Alice Ozar.

Julius was sentenced by Justice John Adeyeye, on Monday, after finding him guilty of raping Ozar on her farm in Efon Alaaye, headquarters of Efon Local Government Area of the state, on July 16, 2016.

When he was first arraigned on March 7, 2017, Julius pleaded not guilty to the charges of rape and assault with intent to commit unnatural offence, preferred against him.

But Justice Adeyeye held that Julius was convicted for the offence of rape which is contrary to Section 357 and punishable under Section 358 of Criminal Code Cap 16 Laws of Ekiti State of Nigeria 2012. Justice Adeyeye held: "Unfortunately it will ap-

pear I have no discretion on the issue of sentence in view of the decision of the Supreme Court in *Lucky v State* (Supra) where it was held thus: 'Any person who commits the offence of rape be liable to imprisonment for life.

"Once the court convicts an accused person for the offence of rape as defined in Section 357 of the Code, it has no discretion, but is bound to obey the law by

imposing a term of imprisonment for life.

"Consequently, the defendant is hereby sentenced to life imprisonment."

The prosecution had called three witnesses including the victim and tendered exhibits, including the convict's statement and victim's underpants.

Julius had called his mother as a witness during the prosecution and also

spoke in self defence in the course of the trial.

According to the victim, she was working on her farm on the fateful day while the convict pretended as if he wanted to help her, which she obliged.

Ozar revealed that Julius kicked her and she fell to the ground, after which he pressed her to the ground, tore her underpants and had carnal knowledge of her.

Flood kills 10-year-old boy, displaces 2,000 in Katsina

A 10-year-old boy has lost his life while over 2,000 people have been displaced by a flood disaster that ravaged Kaita town in Kaita Local Government Area of Katsina State, a local official said on Monday.

"The flood disaster happened following a heavy rainfall that lasted for several hours which destroyed over 150 houses in the area," Hajiya Umma Abdullahi-Mahuta, Acting Sole Administrator of the local council, told the

News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Kaita.

She revealed that those displaced by the Saturday flood had found shelter with neighbours, friends and relations.

"We have assessed the extent of the damages and forwarded a report to the State Emergency Management Agency for quick intervention on the matter," she said.

Also, the District Head of Kaita, Alhaji Abdulkarim Kabir, appealed to the Kat-

sina State government to provide relief materials to the victims.

"I am calling on non-governmental organisations to also come to the aid of my subjects by providing all necessary assistance to the victims to cushion their hardship," he said.

One of the victims, Malam Isah Kaita, called on the State Environmental Protection Agency to commence evacuation of drainage in the area to avoid a recurrence.