

## 42-yr-old man allegedly beats wife to death over N5,000 in Benue

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A 42-year-old man, Ejiro (surname withheld), on Wednesday, allegedly beat his wife to death in Makurdi, the Benue State capital over minor domestic differences.

Ejiro, who lives with his family on Gboko Road, was alleged to have beaten up his wife until she became unconscious when she could not account for N5,000 from the money realised after she sold some items for the family.

An eyewitness who did not want his name in print said

the couple had an argument over a minor issue and the husband descended on his wife and beat her mercilessly.

"Neighbours tried in vain to pacify the man and when all efforts failed, someone invited the police.

"Unfortunately, by the

time the police arrived, the woman's near-lifeless body was already on the ground.

"It was the police and some neighbours that rushed the woman to the teaching hospital where she was confirmed dead and the man was taken away.

When contacted, the state

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident.

She said: "A victim was rushed to the Benue State University Teaching Hospital but was confirmed dead. She was also seen bleeding from the nostrils.

"The suspect, from Delta

State, is 42 years old; he is a fisherman, while the wife is from Benue.

"The reason for the violence was that the wife sold some items for the family and did not remit N5,000.

"The suspect is in police custody as investigation is still in progress."