

# 3 23-year old bricklayer allegedly kills 46-year-old lover in Benin

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THE Edo State police command has arrested a 23-year-old bricklayer,

Adebayo (surname withheld), for allegedly killing his 46-year-old lover and a widow, Rosemary Ifeoma, known as Mama Samuel, at Ugbor area in Benin City, the Edo State capital, on July 16.

Adebayo was alleged to have hit the mother of four with a plank on the head and had carnal knowledge of her. This is just as he had earlier been accused of hitting the head of the woman's 13-year-old boy with a plank before pouncing on the woman, thinking that the boy was dead.

A resident of the area who simply gave his name as Peter said: "The woman, who we popularly called Mama Samuel, was a widow with four children and the last one, who is 13-year-old, stays with her.

"She was having difficulties paying her rent and then approached a woman in the area whose brother was building a storey building that has been roofed to allow her stay there pending when she could raise money from her business to

get a new accommodation.

"She had a lover, a bricklayer, who was always coming to see her and people around here know them.

"It was early in the morning on July 16 that the woman's 13-year-old son, after regaining consciousness from his confrontation with the suspect in the night, who thereafter killed his mother, ran to inform neighbours what had happened the night before.

"The boy was rushed to the hospital for treatment and later narrated the story of how the suspect attacked them. He led others to the place where the suspect was working and immediately he [the suspect] sighted the boy, he took to his heels, but he was pursued and arrested by the police," the source narrated.

When confronted, the suspect confessed to the crime, just as he denied hitting the deceased and her son with a plank.

He, however, admitted that he had an altercation with the late woman.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Kontongs Bello, said the suspect would be charged