

Police arrest two for raping grandmother, housewife to death in Ondo

16 other suspects arrested for cultism

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MEN of the Ondo State police command have arrested two suspected rapists for allegedly raping a grandmother and housewife to death at two different locations in the state.

While a suspect was arrested in Ore, in Odigbo Local Government Area of the state, in connection with the raping and killing of 80-year-old grandmother, Felicia Aderibigbe on her farm, another suspect, a Togolese labourer was arrested over

attempt to rape her landlady and killing of the 58-year-old woman.

The first suspect, who is from Ebonyi State was arrested in Costain farm settlement where the lifeless body of the grandmother was found and discovered with saying that she had been raped to death, while the deceased's mobile phone was found on him.

The 58-year-old landlady and housewife, Adijat Olaoye, was murdered during an attempt to rape her in her room in Fanibi area of Akure, the state capital.

Speaking during the parade of the two suspects along-

side 16 other suspects, the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmi Odunlami, explained that the old woman left home for the farm, and was declared missing for some days before her corpse was finally found by a search party at the edge of her farm.

The old grandmother was suspected to have been raped to death due to the position her corpse was found inside the farm.

She said, "On 18th of May, 2023, a case of murder was reported at Otu divisional Headquarters. Late Mrs Aderibigbe Felicia, aged 80 years left for the farm on

the 17th of May and did not return, all efforts to find her in the farm proved abortive until a suspect who specialises in Banga cutting at night pegged a palm frond in front of deceased house.

"This arose the suspicion of the deceased children who apprehended the suspect and was immediately searched. The mobile phone of the old woman was recovered from him. He was handed over to the police and during interrogation, he claimed he saw the cutlass, bucket and mask at the boundary of the deceased's farm.

"When asked the reason for

the palm frond, he said it was the deceased's children who cut and dropped it on their mother's farmland, so he decided to take it to their house around 10pm and told them they would understand the meaning the next day.

"In the same vein, on the 17th of May a case of attempted rape was reported at Fanibi Division against another suspect, a Togolese national, who is a labourer.

"He broke into the room of one Mrs Adijat Olaoye, aged 58 years with intent to rape her. While struggling with the woman (now late), he hit her head on the floor.

"The neighbours who heard

the noise rushed into her room and saw her bleeding. She was taken to the hospital while the suspect was arrested. The woman later died in the hospital. The suspect during interrogation claimed he was under the influence of Indian hemp he took that day."

The Ondo State police image maker, who also spoke on behalf of the Commissioner, said seven suspected cultists were also arrested in connection with the recent Owo cult killings.

She said that the two suspected murderers would be prosecuted in line with relevant laws.