

# Police arrest two for stealing Oracle, killing of 90-year-old custodian in Ondo

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Men of the Ondo State Police Command have arrested two suspects over the killing of a 90-year-old man, Ajayi Ajisegiri, in an attempt to steal the community's oracle.

It was gathered that the deceased is the custodian of the oracle.

The two suspects, Dada Ologundudu, 71 and John Samson, 27, were said to have conspired to steal the oracle and invaded the home of the Chief priest who is also the head of hunters in Irese community in Ifedore Local Government Area of the state.

One of the suspects, Ologundudu, a commercial motorcyclist popularly known as 'Kayefi, was said to have stolen the oracle from the Oke Mission residence of the custodian.

The Chief Priest who suspected Ologundudu approached him and warned him to return the oracle before he took action and threatened to inform the community leaders about the missing oracle if Ologundudu failed to return it.

A source in the community explained that the lifeless body of the Ajisegiri was found in his room, a day after he threatened to report the suspect to the whole community for stealing the community's spiritual property, known as 'Osho Osi Ode' which was kept in his custody.

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The suspect's landlady, Mrs Beatrice Ademeti, also confirmed that the deceased came to her house a day before the incident, informing the suspect to return the community oracle he took from his house or he would report him to the entire community.

Ademeti said the suspect claimed to be a herbalist and had been close to the deceased to know about the oracle before he eventually stole the oracle.

She said "The motorcyclist cannot say he's not responsible for the death of Ajisegiri, because, on the night of the incident, I overheard the deceased shouting at the suspect, saying he gave him a day to return the community's property he took in his room or else he would report the case to the whole town the next day.

"The suspect later came back at night to give Baba three sachet of alcoholic drink which made the deceased slept off"

"The next day around 8:00 am, I noticed the deceased has not opened his door which was unusual of him. I called other neighbours around and I explained to them that the deceased had not opened his door since morning, which made them force his door open.

"To our surprise, we found his lifeless body on the floor in his room with bruises and blood on his neck."

It was gathered that the suspect tried to escape from the town after the death of the oracle custodian but he was apprehended by the people of the community who handed him over to the palace.

The suspect was said to have initially denied stealing the oracle and killing the victim but he later recanted after he was threatened by the community leaders.

Ologundudu told the community leaders where he hid the oracle after which it was retrieved in an uncompleted building with the help of the police detectives and the oracle was taken back to the community shine.

He was, however, handed to the police detectives at Ijare Police Station while the case was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID), Akure, for further investigation.

The police spokesperson, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the ugly incident and said the two suspects have been arrested in connection with the killing of the deceased and stealing of the oracle.