

Police arrest two over murder of retired teacher in Ondo

Prime suspect's mother worked for deceased as domestic help
—Police source

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THE police in Ondo State have arrested two suspects in the killing of a 62-year-old retired teacher, Mrs Sidikat Adamolekun, who was found in a pool of blood in her house at Agbaluku Arigidi Akoko, in Akoko North West Local Government Area.

Police investigation led to the arrest of an 18-year-old prime suspect simply identified as Mubarak, who made away with the victim's mobile phone worth N80,000.

The prime suspect, who

was said to be one of the sons of the domestic help to the victim, was apprehended with the mobile phone, leading to the arrest of one other accomplice, Ridwan.

According to a family source, the body of the retired teacher was last week found inside her room by one of her granddaughters who returned from school.

Mubarak reportedly named another suspect, Ridwan (20), as his accomplice and the two suspects were taken to the crime scene, where they demonstrated how they

scaled the fence.

It was learnt that Mubarak led his accomplice to the house by scaling the fence.

He confessed knowing his way into every part of the house after accompanying his mother to the house to work for many months, while the mother of the suspect, Oluwaseun, was also arrested.

According to a police source, "The two suspects disclosed that they scaled the fence and did not go through the main gate to avoid being seen.

"Having gained entry, they

went straight to the woman's room where she was found lying on her bed after taking her bath.

"They confessed that they hit her head with a wooden box, while the second suspect strangled her.

"The mother of one of the suspects is a casual house keeper and cleaner for the late Mrs Adamolekun and at times, she went to work with the suspect."

The source said the case had been transferred to police headquarters in Akure for further investigation.