

Taxi driver confesses to rape, murder

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A 30-year-old murder suspect, Dayo Oluwafemi, was remanded in prison custody by an Osogbo Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

The charge sheet alleged that Oluwafemi killed Mrs Fausat Salaudeen with a knife, after robbing her of N18,000, on December 31, 2007 at Kajola village.

Confessing to the crime, Olawafemi, a taxi driver, recounted that he had engaged in the rape of his passengers in the past.

The suspect was arrested in a Sagamu, Ogun State-bound bus on January 2, 2008, in Old Garage, Osogbo, while trying to evade justice.

Oluwafemi confessed that he buried Salaudeen in a shallow grave he dug on the farm and revealed that he committed the crime because he thought the victim had N50,000 in her bag.

Two of the six children of the deceased, Abedeen and Rahman, said their 55-year-old mother was fasting on the day she was slaughtered.

The matter was adjourned till March 21, 2008, for mention.

The 75-year-old mother of the victim, Mrs Mariam Badmus, was in grief when our correspondent visited the home of the deceased located at Ita-Olokan area of Osogbo.
