

Man strangles aunt to death

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HOMICIDE detectives in Ogun State are interrogating a 25-year old man, Adeboye Olatunji, for allegedly strangling his paternal auntie, Olabisi Ladipo, 60, to death.

He allegedly committed the offence on September 30, 2008 about 3pm.

It was alleged that a neighbour, name withheld, who heard Ladipo's scream, held Olatunji and alerted the police to the scene.

The informant said he did not know what transpired between Olatunji and Ladipo that could have made him attack the woman.

"I don't know what happened between them. I was attracted to the scene by the loud scream I heard. I rushed towards the woman's room; saw Olatunji about to escape and held him," he said.

He said he first dragged him into the room where he found Ladipo dead.

"He cannot deny and he has not denied but I don't know the reason for his action," he said.

Olatunji confessed to the crime while talking to our correspondent on Friday.

He said he had been looking for his father, Tunji, for many years and all efforts made were futile; adding that he was taken away from the

father to Ibadan as a baby.

"When I asked my mother (Adijat) about my father's whereabouts three weeks ago, he brought me to Abeokuta from Ibadan that my father's sister would help me out.

"But the woman deceived me for about five days that my father was in Lagos," he said.

According to him, his mother resides in Ita Baale, Oranmiyan, Ibadan, Oyo State with Isola and Yemisi, his siblings.

He said he lost his temper with Iya Ibeji as the woman was popularly called and descended on her; adding that somebody had told him that his father had died and was buried.

He said he formed one of the woman's scarfs to a rope; suddenly held her and strangled her with it from the back inside her room.

When asked why he was desperate to see his father, he said he had some "personal

problems" and had been told that only his father could help him to solve them.

He said though he suspected the woman to be diabolic, as he did not feel comfortable in the house especially in the night, he regretted killing her.

"I want everybody to forgive me. I didn't know what came upon me," he said.

Olatunji said he had never been taken to school or trained in any skill.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Police Command, Sunday Ubua confirmed the case to our correspondent on Friday.

The Deputy Superintendent Police Officer said none of the suspect's family members had contacted the police on the matter.

"We are making efforts to contact his relatives as we carry out a thorough investigation into the matter," he said.

Communal crisis: A'lbom sets up commission of inquiry

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THE Akwa Ibom Government has set up a commission of inquiry to look into the crisis that ravaged Ikot Akpan Udo and Amazaba communities of Ikot Abasi and Eastern Obolo Local Government

Areas, respectively.

About 500 houses were razed while many lives were lost in a communal clash between the two communities few months ago.

Swearing in members of the commission in Uyo, the State Governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio, stated that his administration could not