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Australia Returnee Murders **Lover In Benin**

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It was a black Christmas for the Aifuwa's family of Upper Mission extension, a suburb of Benin city following the gruesome murder of their daughter. Grace Aifuwa by her Australia based lover, simply identified as Festus.

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The incident, which occurred in the early hours of Thursday when Edo residents were busy celebrating the yuletide, left many bewildered and wondering what led to the death of Miss Grace Aifuwa.

LEADERSHIP Weekend learnt that Festus, popularly called (Two Million) by friends and family, had engaged in a bitter quarrel with the deceased over undisclosed reasons, before he allegedly ploughed into her with his car, dragging her on a tarred road for over 500 metres.

Residents woke up to discover her lifeless body, which was reportedly dumped close to Oando filling station at Uppers Mission.

When LEADERSHIP visited the scene, scores of sympathisers had besieged the area to catch a glimpse of the corpse, with many wailing

Some relatives of the deceased described the act as barbaric and charged the police to investigate the incident in order to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The alleged killer is said to have been arrested and detained at the Oregbeni police station.

Edo State police public relations officer, DSP Joseph Edogiawerie, when contacted said the matter is being investigated.

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