

Welder beats wife to death

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AN indigene of Ilogbo in the Sango-Ota area of Ogun State, Marufu Olasoji, has beaten his wife, Kehinde Olasoji, to death for allegedly committing adultery.

It was learnt that the 35-year-old welder repeatedly hit the wife's head with an iron until she gave up the ghost.

He was said to have sprayed cement on her face and fled the neighbourhood, leaving her in a pool of blood.

The incident happened around 8pm on Monday at the Chelsea neighbourhood of the Sango-Ota area.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Marufu had turned Kehinde, a hairdresser, who had three children for him, to a punch bag while their 15-year relationship lasted.

Our correspondent was told that the wife, aged 35, left the welder with her children three months ago when she could no longer endure the assault.

On the fateful day, she was said to have been invited by the suspect, who reportedly accused her of having extra-marital affairs. The accusation was said to have led to an

altercation which led to Kehinde's death.

It was learnt that policemen from the Onipanu Police Division, Ogun State, launched a manhunt for the husband after a neighbour reported the case at the station. He was eventually arrested around 6am on Tuesday.



• Marufu

While lamenting Kehinde's death, her brother, Kolawole Akinbote, said she was the one responsible for the upkeep of the three children

He said, "He (Marufu) did not bother about the schooling and feeding of the children. She was the one taking care of them. Upon all that, he still



• Kehinde

beat her. Our mother was just discharged from a hospital, where she was admitted. She is 76. How will she handle this loss?"

The suspect told our correspondent that his late wife had come to collect a sum of N17,000 to buy a dryer when an argument ensued. He said he fled out of fear, adding that he really loved her.

He said, "I promised to buy her a dryer before she moved out. She called me around 7.30pm on Monday that she wanted to collect the N17,000 for the dryer. I told her to give me more time. She insisted she must have the money and started dragging my shirt. I just pulled her hands off, but unfortunately she fell and hit her head on some objects inside my room.

"When I observed that she was dead, I drank the cement but I later vomited it on her body.

"I pampered her and my children. In fact, it got to a point that some people were calling me all sorts of names because I cared for her a lot. I did not kill her intentionally. We were married for 15 years with three children. It was