

# Man beats wife to death on Christmas Day

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Ogun State Police Commissioner, Kenneth Ebrimson

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A 37-year-old man, Mutiu Sonola, has been arrested by men of Ogun State police command for beating his 34-year-old wife, Zainab Shotayo, to death on Christmas Day.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed this in a statement on Thursday.

Oyeyemi said the suspect was arrested on the same day following a report by the father of the deceased.

He said the father of the deceased complained at Ibara division that he was called on the phone that his daughter was having a misunderstanding with her husband and that she has been beaten to a coma by the husband.

According to Oyeyemi, the deceased's father stated further that he quickly ran to the scene and rushed his daughter to the General Hospital, Ijaye where the doctor confirmed her dead.

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He said, "As soon as the suspect realised that the victim is dead, the suspect took to his heels.

"On the strength of the report, the DPO Ibara division, SP Dada Olusegun, mobilised his detectives and went after the suspect.

"His hiding place was eventually located and he was promptly arrested."

He added that preliminary investigation had revealed that the man was fond of beating the deceased at any slight provocation.

Oyeyemi said, "The corpse of the deceased has been deposited at General Hospital mortuary for autopsy."

He said the Commissioner of Police, Kenneth Ebrimson, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and prosecution.