

Ondo woman faults daughter's death claim, seeks ex-husband's probe



• Esther

Peter Dada, Akure



• Oladunni

A HOUSEWIFE, Oladunni Adebori has asked the Ondo State Police Command to investigate her ex-husband, Mr Raphael Ajijolaoluwa, over the death of their six-year-old daughter, Esther Ajijolaoluwa.

Oladunni, who said she formally divorced Raphael in 2019, stated that the young girl was in the custody of her father following a court order and allegedly died last week, but she was not informed before her remains were interred.

In a petition by her lawyer, Mr Mufutau Adegboye, to the state

Commissioner of Police and made available to our correspondent on Sunday, the woman alleged that there were indications that the child could have been kidnapped or used for ritual purposes and was not dead as claimed by her ex-husband.

According to her, the girl was hale and hearty as of the last time she saw her in school and wondered what could have happened to her that she did not know about.

She urged the police to exhume the corpse if actually she was dead as claimed by the father.

The petition read in part, "Sometime in 2019, our client approached the customary court for the dissolution of their 11-year association due to belligerent behaviours and atrocities exhibited and committed by Mr Raphael Ajijolaoluwa.

"The court ordered, among others, that the custody of the three children should be with Raphael Ajijolaoluwa, while our client should be permitted to visit them except at night.

"But surprisingly in deviating from the order of the court, Mr Raphael Ajijolaoluwa did not give our client access to her children despite the fact that both of them are living in the same town.

"Surprisingly, on Friday, August 6, 2021, information got to our client that the last child of our client, Esther Ajijolaoluwa, died on Tuesday, August 3, and was buried without the knowledge of our client. Our client reported the matter at the Ore Divisional Police Station. It was when Mr Raphael Ajijolaoluwa reported at the station that he confirmed to our client that Esther had died and buried without the knowledge of our client."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Funmilayo Odunlami, said the police would investigate and get to the root of the matter, adding that since the woman had submitted her petition to the command, the police would work on it by investigating the matter.

"I will confirm from the appropriate department where the petition was submitted. But once it has been submitted, I can assure you that we will get to the root of the matter," the PPRO stated.

as Delta motorcyclists, passengers



He said, "That guy should understand that justice is not on social media, because I saw the video you are making reference to. If an issue that is as critical as that happened, he should have gone to the nearest police station to report.

"Don't forget that the #EndSARS protests were as a result of an incident that happened in Ughelli, where a suspected Yahoo boy jumped out of a moving police Hilux van and the police took him to hospital and somebody did a video claiming that the police fired at the Yahoo boy and moved away with his vehicle.

"There is no official report of that incident in any of the divisions in Delta State. To substantiate what that person is saying, he has to come out; nobody is going to do anything to him as it is already on the Internet.

"If he says somebody died, death is not a child's play; who died? What is the name of the person who died? Which mortuary did they keep his corpse? These are the questions to substantiate what he is saying and not the random video he posted on the Internet."

and then...and another's face was bruised badly and another pulled his ankle...

"My phone was stolen; when people chased them, the two guys in my car came down and ran into the van and ran... Luckily for us, passersby made videos and sent them to me."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Bright Edafe, said he was aware of the trending footage but urged the complainant to make an official report to any of the police stations in the state for onward investigation.