

Ondo landlady held after tenant dies during scuffle over pot

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Ondo State Commissioner of Police, Bolaji Salami

A 45-year-old woman, identified only as Mrs Folasade, has been arrested by men of the Ondo State Police Command for allegedly killing her tenant, Mrs Omolola Oladipupo, during a scuffle in the kitchen.

Folasade was said to be the landlady of a house on Taotao Street, in the Lotogbe area of Ondo State, where the victim resided.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the suspect hit the deceased on the head during an argument that ensued between them, leading to her death.

According to a source, the suspect and the deceased were always having disagreements, but the latest incident turned fatal after the suspect accused Omolola of walking across her pot in the kitchen.

The deceased's husband, Mr Ikudabo Oladipupo, who described the incident as unfortunate, said after the fight, his wife was rushed to a hospital where she was confirmed dead.

He said, "I was inside the room when I heard the voices of my wife and our landlady. I heard my wife saying she wanted to pass, and that the landlady should move her pot away from the pathway to the kitchen, but my landlady said she would not move the pot.

"She told my wife to pass somewhere else. So, as my wife wanted to pass by the side of the pot, my landlady held her and pushed her away.

"Before I would come out of the house, my landlady had pushed my wife on the floor. When I saw her condition, I quickly rushed her to a hospital where

she was confirmed dead.

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“My wife and I stayed in the same house. She had three children for me. My wife was already prepared to go to the market where she sold cow hide (ponmo) when the incident happened.

“Her corpse has been deposited in the general hospital’s morgue.”

However, the suspect denied hitting the deceased on the head.

Folasade said, “She crossed over my food while I was cooking and I held her neck. She held my wrapper and removed it. I was not wearing any underwear or dress, so I pushed her and she fell on the floor.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, confirmed the incident, adding that investigations had commenced.