

Wife arrested for setting ablaze husband's mistress, victim dies

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Men of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested a 32-year-old housewife and mother of three, Kehinde Wasiu, for allegedly pouring petrol on her husband's 24-year-old mistress, Tosin Olugbade, and subsequently setting her ablaze.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, who confirmed the incident on Friday, said the victim died from the burns she sustained.

Oyeyemi in a statement on Friday said the suspect was arrested following a report lodged at the Onipanu divisional headquarters by the husband of the deceased, one Fatai Olugbade.

Olugbade reportedly told the police that sometime in August 2021, his wife allegedly engaged in an extra marital affair with one Ismail Wasiu.

According to the PPRO, Olugbade said he was surprised that his wife packed out of his house to live with Ismail.

Oyeyemi said, "He stated further that on the 14th of November 2021, he learnt that the wife of Ismail Wasiu had an argument with his wife, and the said Ismail's wife poured petrol on her and set her ablaze.

"The deceased was rushed to the hospital by her family members but later gave up the ghost while receiving treatment. Upon the report, the DPO, Onipanu division, in Ota, CSP Bamidele Job, quickly mobilised his men and moved to the scene where the husband of Kehinde who had asked his wife to run away was arrested.

"The case was transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation. CSP Femi Olabode-led homicide team embarked on a technical and intelligence based investigation which led to the arrest of the suspect, Kehinde Wasiu, in the Saki area of Oyo State.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect and her husband initially lied to the family of the deceased that it was cooking gas that exploded and burnt the deceased. But when the lie was exposed, the husband quickly asked the wife to run away."