

Bartender hiding after stealing N600,000 stabbed

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OPERATIVES of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested a 32-year-old female fashion designer, Omowumi Oyapitan, for allegedly killing a bartender, Muhammed Ahmed, 30.

Ahmed reportedly stole N600,000 from his boss and went into hiding in a hotel with his friends.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a statement on Thursday, said the police discovered that the deceased used part of the stolen money to lodge some of his friends in the hotel, one of whom he later accused of stealing part of the money.

The police spokesperson said the accusation led to a hot exchange of words between



• The suspect

them. But attempts by the fashion designer to separate the fighting friends were futile, as Ahmed

allegedly gave her a fist blow.

Oyapitan reportedly got annoyed, broke a bottle and stabbed the victim in the neck, which resulted in his death.

The PPRO said the suspect was arrested following a distress call received by the police at the Onipan divisional headquarters from the Managing Director of Splendour Guest Inn, Stephen Udo.

Oyeyemi said, "Following the distress call, the DPO, Onipan division, CSP Bamidele Job, quickly mobilised his men and moved to the scene, where the victim was met in a pool of blood.

"The suspect was promptly arrested, while the victim was rushed to the state hospital, Ota, where he was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim, who had been in the hotel

to death by peacemaker

since Monday, December 27, 2021, was hiding there after stealing the sum of N600,000 from his boss at Hayorlak Hotel, where he was working as a bartender.

"It was further gathered that he used part of the stolen money to lodge some of his friends. He had an altercation with one of those he lodged in the hotel because he accused him of stealing part of his money; the accusation led to a hot exchange of words between them.

"The suspect, who claimed to

know the other boy in their street, intervened and the deceased, who was not pleased with her intervention, gave her a fist blow in the mouth. In retaliation, she broke a bottle and used it to stab the deceased in his neck."

Oyeyemi, however, said the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, had ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation and prosecution.

2 Rivers crash claims 10 lives, truck

Dennis Naku and Bola Bamigbola

NO fewer than 10 persons lost their lives in a fatal crash on Wednesday along the Rukpokwu-Igwuruta Road in the Ikwerre Local



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