

Child trafficker kills 71-year-old female colleague over money

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Men of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested a 54-year-old man, Dauda Bello, for allegedly killing a 71-year-old woman, Mrs Mesesi Adisa, and selling her wrists and ankles to a suspected ritualist.

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

Oyeyemi said the suspect was arrested on Thursday following the sudden disappearance of the victim, who left her house on June 8, 2022, and did not return home.

The PPRO said a family member of the victim reported a missing person case at the Sabo/Ilupeju Police Station.

He said, “The case was later transferred to the anti-kidnapping unit of the State Criminal Investigation Department, where technical and an intelligence-based investigation was embarked upon.

“In the course of the investigation, the SP Taiwo Opadiran-led team traced the last place visited by the victim to be the house of the suspect in the Olodo area of Imala.

“The suspect was subsequently arrested and taken into custody for investigation.

“On interrogation, the suspect confessed to have known the victim for quite some time and that they were both into the business of child trafficking.

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“He stated further that he invited the victim on that fateful day to discuss their usual business, but on getting to his house, he discovered that the victim came with what he thought was a huge amount of money.

“This made him hit the woman on the head with a heavy wooden stick, which made the woman unconscious after which he carried the unconscious body of the victim to the bush, where he finally snuffed life out of her.

“He confessed further that when he searched the woman’s body, he discovered that the victim only had the sum of N22,200 on her which he took with disappointment.

“Having realised that his aim of getting much money from the victim was in vain, he decided to cut off her two wrists and ankles, which he claimed to have sold to somebody, who is now at large.

“The suspect took the police to the bush where he buried the victim in a shallow grave, and the dismembered body was recovered and deposited in a mortuary.”

The PPRO said the state Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, who commended the team for a thorough job, had ordered that the case be charged to court at the completion of investigation.

Oyeyemi added that the police commissioner also directed that all those involved in the case be brought to book.