

Son in police net for stabbing mother to death in Bayelsa

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 Map of Bayelsa State

The Bayelsa State Police Command has announced the arrest and detention of a 22-year-old man, simply identified as Godwin from the Elebele Community near Yenagoa in Ogbia Local Government Area for allegedly stabbing his mother to death.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Tuesday that when Godwin murdered his mother in late November, neighbours were attracted by the noise of a struggle between the woman and her son.

When they rushed in, they found the woman in a pool of blood while the son was apprehended and tied with fetters.

The gruesome incident that took place sometime in late November only came to light when two videos surfaced on social media this week.

Community sources told *PUNCH Metro* that some weeks ago, Godwin returned to the town from Benin City, Edo State, where he had been receiving training at a Yahoo centre popularly referred to as HK.

Another source, who spoke with our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, said a cleric had warned the deceased mother of the impending danger to her life from an offer of a strange gift from the son and was told to reject any such gift from the son.

A source said when Godwin returned to the community, he was behaving strangely and kept away from his childhood friends while saying that one ‘Baba’ had warned him that his destiny and wealth were being held back by his deceased mother.

The youth president of Elebele Community, Precious Okala, who confirmed the incident on Tuesday, told our correspondent that his attention was drawn to the incident around 6.00 pm on the fateful day.

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Okala said: “On getting to the scene, we saw the bloodied corpse of the deceased woman and his son who had been tied by the youths of the community.

“We were told that since the boy came back from Benin City, Edo State, he had been behaving strangely. On the fateful day, he was reported to have had a struggle with his mother and stabbed her in the stomach with a knife.

“The boy was heard saying that one ‘Baba’ had told him that the mother was in possession of his destiny and wealth.”

Another community youth who refused to mention his name told *PUNCH Metro* that Godwin’s strange behaviour since his return included distancing himself from his friends and cooking food for the mother which he had done before, which she refused to eat.

The killer-son was however handed over to policemen from the Kolo Division of the Bayelsa State Police Command.

Confirming the incident on Monday night, the state's Police Public Relations Officer, Musa Mohammed, said the matter had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for a detailed investigation.

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