

Police detain two suspects over murder, burning of woman in Lagos

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Lagos State command's Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Benjamin Hundeyin

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Operatives of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested two principal suspects in connection with the brutal murder and burning of a young woman on Saturday in the ‘Gangare’ area near the canal behind Mile 12 Market, Lagos.

The command’s Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed this in a statement released on Monday.

Hundeyin stated that the victim, originally from Nasarawa State, was allegedly attacked and set ablaze in a premeditated act orchestrated by her estranged boyfriend and accomplices.

The police clarified that, contrary to widespread misinformation, no blasphemy was involved in the incident.

He noted that the deceased had been living in the area with relatives from the northern part of the country, and her exact occupation remains unknown.

“Preliminary investigations have revealed that she is from Nasarawa State and not a Yoruba woman.

“The prolonged dispute between her and her boyfriend, who is currently at large and had attempted to forcefully rekindle their relationship, led to the conspiracy.

“The boyfriend, along with other suspects, two of whom are now in custody planned and executed the attack,” he said.

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According to Hundeyin, the investigation is being intensified to apprehend the boyfriend and other suspects still at large.

The suspects are currently in custody at the State Criminal Investigation Department, where they are assisting detectives and investigators in efforts to apprehend other perpetrators involved in the murder.

The PPRO assured the public that normalcy has been fully restored in the affected slum and surrounding areas of Mile 12.

“Residents of Lagos are encouraged not to panic and to continue their lawful activities peacefully without apprehension while awaiting the outcome of the investigation, which will be made public.

“People are urged to exercise restraint and refrain from spreading unverified information that may cause unnecessary fear,” he added.

The spokesperson confirmed that the command remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and will continue to provide timely updates as the investigation progresses.