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By MOSHOOD ADEBAYO

A middle-aged man, Akintunde (other name withheld) has allegedly killed his wife in Abeokuta, Ogun State capital following an irreconcilable differences between the couple.

The incident occurred at Ijemo-Agbadu, Abeokuta South Local Government Area of the state capital.

The suspect last Thursday allegedly hit the head of his late wife, a food vendor against the wall during a quarrel.

The couple who lived in a room apartment were fond of quarreling until last Thursday when the incident happened. The late wife fainted after her husband hit her head against the wall.

A neighbour who spoke with *Crime Watch Today* on anonymity said Akintunde who had thought his wife only fainted, left her in that condition and ran away. "He later called a brother-in-law on phone to intimate him of the incident, asking him to go and pick her sister's corpse in the house."

While confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Muyiwa Adejobi, a Deputy Superintendent, said it was the late wife's brother that reported the incident to the police.

"We later went to the couple's house where we met the corpse and later took it to the mortuary and performed postmortem on the body. Akintunde has been arrested.

"He is currently with the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID)," he said.

The PPRO said the murder suspect would be arraigned as soon as preliminary investigations were

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## How I masterminded kidnap of 2 oil dealers

-Suspect

• *Says victims are stingy*

By CHIOMA IGBOKWE

A suspected fraudster, Nriezedi (first name withheld) has revealed how he provided the information that led to the abduction of two prominent businessmen in Igando area of Lagos.

He allegedly masterminded the kidnap of an oil dealer, Alhaji Hammed Fashola and the owner Dapsey oil, in Igando, late last year.

He was finally arrested in Ikorodu, weeks after detectives attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Lagos State Police Command rescued his latest victim and arrested some members of his gang.

Nriezedi's gang chained Fashola inside a toilet for four days on November 13, at their hideout on 18, Odeniyi Ishola Street, Isheri -Oshun, Lagos.

Nriezedi, 42, said it was greed and impatience that made him an informant to the group. I am very popular in Igando and I know most of these bad boys. I was at a beer parlour in our area when IK, (real name Ikechukwu), one of the members of the gang still at large, and his friends decided to spoil me with free drinks. I knew that nothing is free in this country, so, I was not surprised when he asked for information. He asked if I knew one or two persons that have money. He specifically asked if I knew much about Alhaji Fashola, the owner of Kings Petroleum. Luckily, I knew much about him because he does not settle boys in the area.

"I told them that they should also consider the owner of Dapsey petrol station. That man is stingy to a fault. He is only generous to women and I knew that he would pay ransom. These men are rich and their businesses were still running even while in kidnappers' den.

"All I did was to inform them where and when they would get them and they paid me N20,000 deposit for the information. They promised to pay me more after the job."

According to Nriezedi, the most annoying part of the deal was that they lied to him that the owner of Dapsey Oil did not pay ransom and they released him. "It was while I was in police detention that I learnt that they collected N20million. No wonder they were finally caught during the second operation."

The suspect said he was into advance fee fraud (aka 419). "I am a fraudster and most bank officials know me very well especially on Oba Akran Avenue in Ikeja. I have been arrested twice and because the matter was not serious, I was charged to court until the banks became tired and the case was struck out. I thank God for my sisters who will never abandon me no matter what."

Nriezedi said he has made about N500,000 which was sent through Western Union Money Transfer." Normally, when money is sent, you will give 10 per cent to the bank officials (names of banks withheld) who will facilitate release of the money.

I know so many of them and I am ready to show the police who they are. They know me very well.

"To me, 419 is a better kind of crime. Police station is the worst ever as you meet real criminals that are capable of killing someone. But in fraud, it is the bank that will pay the customer."

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