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• **Woman detained for allegedly setting husband on fire**

By WOLE BALOGUN, Ado Ekiti

The Ekiti State Police Command has arrested a 30-year-old man, Moses Ofega, for allegedly killing a Fulani herdsman.

The suspect, who is being detained at the command's headquarters in Ado-Ekiti, had allegedly confessed that he shot the deceased in error following a fight over the destruction of his farmland by cattle.

The incident happened at Iyemero-Ekiti, in Ikole Local Government Area on March 4.

The suspect was paraded alongside a 36-year-old woman, Mrs Ogidiolu Bukola, who allegedly set her husband ablaze on February 14. Police spokesman, Mr Alberto Adeyemi, told journalists that members of the Fulani community reported the alleged murder at the police station before detectives arrested Ofega.

He said the suspect allegedly killed the herdsman in the bush, poured charcoal on him and set him ablaze in an attempt to cover his track.

Adeyemi said operatives from the State Criminal Investigation Department SCID arrested Ofega in the bush.

He told reporters: "I didn't kill him intentionally. I went to the farm that day because I am a hunter. When I saw that my farm had been destroyed, I had to challenge him and while fighting, my gun fired and hit him."

Mr. Adeyemi said the suspect is being investigated and would be charged to court soon.

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On the female suspect, the police spokesman said she allegedly committed the offence over a disagreement.

But, Mrs Ogidiolu said she got married to her husband, who is now receiving treatment at the Ekiti State Teaching Hospital three years ago with no child and this, she said, led to a row between them..

However, it was rumoured that the suspect had allegedly poured petrol on her husband because he refused to take her out on Valentine Day.

“We had disagreement over his nonchalant attitude to my barrenness that day and we were fighting. Our neighbours tried to plead with him, but he never listened to them.

“He later ran inside and destroyed all my property. But he had forgotten that we have petrol inside and when he was about lighting his cigarette, the keg that contains the petrol exploded and my husband caught fire immediately.”

The police said investigations is on-going.

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