

Old woman's corpse found in Ekiti river

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THE remains of an old woman was, yesterday morning, discovered in River Ureje, in Ajilosun area of Ado-Ekiti, capital of Ekiti State.

Residents and motorists plying the route along Ado-Ikere Ekiti road rushed to the scene to catch the glimpse of the corpse

The corpse was said to have been dumped in the river around 6:00am, yesterday morning, by a young boy who was confirmed to have been arrested by the Police.

Residents rained curses on the suspect who allegedly threw the aged woman into the river as they gathered around the bridge.

The corpse of the woman, as at the time of discovery was clad in a red blouse over a white wrapper.

One of the residents who declined to be named said "the suspect was seen with the woman in the river, as early as 6:00am in the morning and he was accosted by people around.

"He was about to be lynched but the timely arrival of the police who rescued and took him away. They save him from being killed".

Another source added: "The youngman, believed to be in his early twenties, was caught in the act in the river where he killed the woman and was given a hot chase by the people.

"He was running towards the left side of the river and the people alongside policemen went after him before he was apprehended at the other end of the river."

Residents claimed to *Daily Sun* that the old woman could have been a victim of ritual killing.

Attempts by men of the Ekiti State Fire Service, who came to the river to remove the woman's corpse, around 8.35am, caused gridlock around the area, which forced commuters to go through alternative routes.

When contacted, Ekiti State Police Public Relations Officer, Caleb Ikechukwu, who confirmed the story, added that investigations have already started on the matter.