

DECEASED ALICE AVWEVRUM WITH SUSPECT, MICHAEL

DEVILISH RAPIST

Farmer, 25, rapes 57-year-old woman's corpse after killing her in the farm

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THE people of Okparabe Community in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State, were shell-shocked by the abominable action of 25-year-old Benjamin Michael, who after killing 57-year-old Alice Avwevrum Atanmare with firewood in the farm, went ahead to rape her lifeless body.

According to the Police, the double crime; murder and necrophilia, a sexual act involving a corpse, happened on September 9, 2018. The deceased was at first declared missing but two days later, youths in the community arrested the suspect upon the discovery of the lifeless body of the 57 year old. The suspect was handed over to policemen at Otu-Jeremi Police Station and the case was transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID).

Killed for sex

The suspect, Benjamin Michael, presently in the custody of the Police, spoke with *Saturday Sun*.

His story: "I am a farmer. I went to the farm with my younger brother, Sunday, on September 9, 2018, to cut firewood. I saw the deceased who came around the farm to cut her own firewood. I attempted to rape her and she started shouting. My younger brother heard her shout but, he didn't know what was happening. Later, she held my clothes and we started struggling.



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"I struck her on the head with a piece of firewood and she fell down and died on the spot. I removed all her clothes. When she was naked, I raped her lifeless body until I released my sperm."

After the deed, he abandoned the corpse in the farm. "I am ashamed of my evil act. I want the community to forgive me of what I have done," he stated.

Community reacts

Luke Ukrakpor, Chairman, Okparade community, stated: "At first we had a report of a missing woman who went to the farm and did not return home. Two days later, they found her body. I summoned all the youths in the community to the town hall. All the youths were present, it was only Benjamin Michael we didn't see at the town hall. We started to suspect a foul play. I sent some youths to find him.

"The youths questioned him in his house. Later, they brought him to the town hall. I only asked him two questions and he confessed that he hit her on the head with firewood and after she died, he slept with her corpse and then abandoned her corpse. We simply handed him over to policemen at Otu-Jeremi Police Station."

A representative of the family of the deceased expressed their agony to *Saturday Sun*. "We are shocked that a young man killed our wife and still raped her lifeless body," he said. "This is an abomination. Such a person should not be allowed to return to the Okparade community again."

The remains of the late Alice Avwevrum Atanmare is still lying in the mortuary at Otu-Jeremi Hospital. Relatives claimed they are awaiting Police report before commencing burial arrangements.

According to Commissioner of Police Mohammed Mustafa, the suspect will soon be charged to court for murder.