Fraudster kills girlfriend over money paid into her account by victim

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A 27-year-old suspected fraudster (Yahoo boy), Obeta John, has been arrested by the Ogun State Police Command for allegedly killing his girlfriend, Idowu Buhari, for refusing to surrender to him money paid into her account by a victim.

The suspect was alleged to have beaten his girlfriend, an HND 1 Mass Communication student of Gateway Polytechnic to death.

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, said the suspect was arrested following a distress call received at Ode -Remo Divisional Headquarters, that the suspect, who resides at House 3, Mojibade compound, Eredu Ishara, locked himself and his girlfriend inside his room.

"That he had started beating the girl, hitting her head against the wall, and all efforts made to persuade him to open the door proved abortive. Upon the distress call, DPO, Ode-Remo division, Fasogbon Olayemi, quickly led his men to the scene, where they met the victim in a pool of her blood after forcing the door open.

"The victim was quickly rushed to the State Hospital, Ishara, but was pronounced dead by the doctor on duty. The suspect, an indigene of Enugu State, was promptly arrested and taken into custody.

"On interrogation, the suspect, John, informed the police that he was an internet fraudster, and that a certain amount of money from one of his victims was paid into the account of his deceased girlfriend, which she refused to relinquish to him. He stated further that it was the argument over the said money that led to scuffle between them, which eventually led to the death of the girl."

Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), for further investigation and diligent prosecution.