

Daughter, 45, sets 86-year-old mum ablaze in Ondo

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A 45-year-old woman simply identified as Abiodun, has set her 86-year-old biological mother ablaze in Ondo, Ondo West Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The victim of the fire attack, who eventually died, was alleged to be the brain behind the calamity being faced by her daughter, hence the decision to take her life.

According to an eyewitness, the suspect got to the house on Friday and called out her mother, setting her on fire after pouring petrol on her.

The source said: “What happened between them before the incident was not known, but the suspect has been arrested by police at the Enu-Owa division.”

The suspect, in her confessional statement said she took the decision because she was told by a spiritualist that her mother was behind her predicament.

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The suspect was quoted to have said: “I went to my mother’s house at 4.00am and sat outside. When it was 5.00 am, I called her out from the house. Immediately she came out, not knowing what was happening, I poured petrol on her body and set her on fire.”

She further confessed that: “I went to one pastor for prayer, and he told me that my mother was behind what is happening to me.

I did not believe it at first. My mother also took me somewhere to see one woman. After my mother left, the woman also said the same thing.

“I burnt my mother because of what I heard from the pastor and the woman – that I can only be free from bondage when my mother is dead,” she explained.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the state police command, Mrs Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the incident and said the suspect would be charged to court.