Love date goes awry! Man buries lover in shallow grave

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36-year-old auto-mechanic, Musiliu Owolabi, has been arrested by police in Ogun State in connection with the alleged murder of his lover, Fausat Idowu.

The suspect was said to have taken the deceased to a hotel on a date but the latter suddenly took ill and subsequently died.

Rather than report the matter to law enforcement agencies, Musiliu was said to have secretly buried the remains of her lover in a shallow grave.

Saturday Telegraph gathered that the incident occurred on February 1, but police detectives only succeeded in unraveling the mystery on March 19.

The suspect yesterday led security operatives to the crime scene an uncompleted building at Osara village, off Camp area, Abeokuta.

Briefing reporters yesterday, the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, said the suspect was arrested through technical intelligence.

Iliyasu, who supervised the exhuming of the victim's decomposing corpse, declared that the suspect would soon be arraigned in court.

According to the police boss, the deceased was earlier reported missing by her younger brother, Hammed Idowu.

He said the police were told that the deceased had gone to attend a naming ceremony at Bode Olude area of Abeokuta but failed to return home.

Iliyasu pointed out that on the strength of the report, detectives at the Homicide Section of the state police command were detailed to investigate the matter.

He said: "On the strength of the reports, a technical intelligence based investigation was embarked upon by detectives at Homicide section, her telephone call log was profiled and revealed

that the last person she spoke with was one Owolabi Musiliu who was tracked and apprehended on the March 19, 2018 at Camp area Abeokuta.

"On interrogation, the suspect admitted taking the deceased to Rocky Gold hotel at Iyana-Apakila, Abeokuta for pleasure, where he claimed she fell ill and later took her in his vehicle, but she died under mysterious circumstances in the car.

"He further confessed that he took the corpse to a nearby bush, dug a shallow grave and buried it without disclosing same to any-

body."

The commissioner noted that the action of the suspect made the circumstances of the victim's death mysterious as well as questionable.

Speaking with reporters, Musiliu, who worked at the Mechanic village in Camp area, said he started dating his late lover and divorcee six months ago.

He claimed that it was the first time he and the mother of four would try to have sexual intercourse since they started dating.

Narrating how Fausat passed on, the suspect said they were just

removing their clothes when the lady began to feel uncomfortable

Musiliu stated that she suddenly developed high temperature and later slumped.

He added that it was when he was taking her to the hospital ir his vehicle that he discovered she had died.

Asked why he did not inform the police, the suspect, who is a father of three, claimed that he was afraid.

Musiliu said he decided to hide the corpse and later buried it at midnight just a stone's throw from his own house in the area.

Igbo-Efon assures residents of properties' safety

community leader in Igbo- Efon, Eti- Osa Local Government Area of Lagos State, Chief Atiku Abogun, has appealed to residents and property owners in the community not to panic over the planned implementation of a Lagos High Court judgement on the ownership of Igbo- Efon land.

It would be recalled that a Lagos High Court sitting in Ikeja and presided over by Honourable Justice K.O. Alogba had on December 12, 2016, delivered a landmark judgement in suit no LD/826/2007

instituted by Chief Atiku Abogun and others against Bamidele Jemiyo and Ojomu Chieftaincy family holding that Igbo- Efon community are the rightful owners of all the land situated in the community and not customary tenants of the Ojomu Chieftaincy family.

According to Chief Abogun, the planned implementation of the judgement is not to witch-hunt anybody or dispossess perople of their property but rather to take possession of what rightfully belongs to them as contained in the court's ruling.

"I'm appealing to residents

and property owners in the community not to panic because of the implementation of the judgement

"What we're doing is not to witchhunt anybody or dispossess people of their property or land which was illegally sold to them by greedy land speculators but to reclaim what rightly belongs to us," he explained.

Chief Abogun advised all property owners who illegally acquired land in the community to meet with the community leaders and their representatives for amicable settlement or risk losing the properties.

41-day firdaus for *lyalode Adeen* of ljebu holds today

The 41-day Firdaus prayer and final funeral rites of late Alhaja Lubat Ariyalo Kalejaiye the late Iya Adeen of Ijebu-Igbo and Iyalode Adeen of Ijebuland hold today.

The prayer session and entertainment of guests to follow the funeral of Kalejaiye, who died at 88 having been born in 1930, are scheduled to hold at the Playing Ground of Girls' Grammar School in Ojowo, Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun state.

She is survived by children and several grand-children.