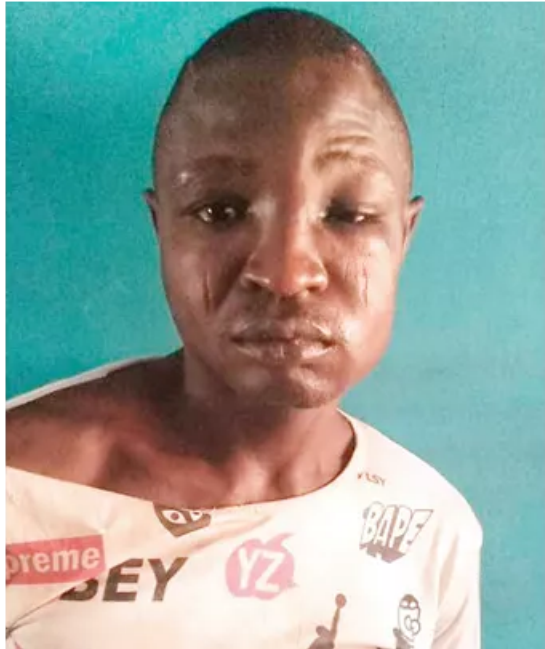


# Butcher beats wife to death



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A 38-year-old butcher, Shina Kasali, is now in police custody for allegedly beating his wife, Sofiat, to death. The suspect and the victim were said to have had a minor disagreement at their residence at Abosule area of Agbado in Ifo Local Government Area of Ogun State.

It was learnt that the resultant argument led to scuffle between the two, consequent upon which the suspect beat his wife to coma. Sofiat eventually gave up the ghost on the way to the hospital. The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, who confirmed the incident in a statement made available to journalists in Abeokuta yesterday, said the suspect was arrested on Saturday.

According to him, Kasali was nabbed following a report at Agbado divisional headquarters by one of the couple's neighbours. He said: "Upon the report, the DPO, Agbado Division, CSP Olatunji Omonijo, quickly led his detectives to the scene where the suspect was apprehended.

"On interrogation, the suspect claimed to be butcher and that he has been out of job for some months now and the wife was taking advantage of that to disrespect him.

"He explained further that on that fateful day, he was sitting down outside when the deceased came to accuse him of looking at the private part of a prostitute who sat in the opposite direction and that was what led to the disagreement that resulted to the death of the deceased." Oyeyemi added that Sofiat's body had been deposited at the morgue of Ifo General Hospital for postmortem investigation.

He said the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, had ordered the immediate transfer of the case to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) for further investigation.