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# Herder, 20, rapes 56-year-old woman to death

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**A** 20-year-old herdsman, Isa Laulo, has reportedly raped a 56-year-old woman to death at Ugwulangwu in Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The victim is identified simply as Mrs. Okereke.

The suspect allegedly committed the crime about 7p.m. on December 27, 2019.

Laulo was said to have dragged Okereke, while she was returning to her house, to the bush and raped her to death.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Loveth Odah, confirmed the incident.

Odah said Okereke's body had been deposited at the mortuary of the Okposi General Hospital in the local government.

The PPRO added that Laulo had been arrested by the police after a combined team of policemen led by the



Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the area cordoned off the community with the help of youths of the area.

She said "Information was received from stakeholders in the community that the body of a woman, one Mrs. Okereke aged 56, was lying along a bush path. The information revealed

further that one Ikechukwu Peter, a passer-by, saw her struggling with a Fulani herder about 7p.m.

"The DPO led a team to the area and the picture was taken. The corpse was removed and taken to the mortuary, General Hospital, Okposi.

"On December 29, 2019, the same combined team

stormed the area about 4.30p.m. and cordoned off the place and together with the youths of Ugwulangwu searched the area and arrested the principal suspect, one Isa Laulo, 20-year-old Fulani herdsman, who confessed to the crime and he was taken into custody. He confessed that he raped the woman."

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