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Farmer punches mother-in-law dead over child custody in Ondo

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By Dayo Johnson

Ondo State Police Command, weekend, declared a 29-year-old farmer, Segun Daniel, wanted for punching his mother-in-law, Mrs. Beatrice Lajuwomi, to death over custody of his child.

Vanguard gathered that the incident happened at a farm settlement in Igbotako, Okitipupa council area of the state on Saturday.

The deceased, mother of the child, Olamiotan Lajuwomi, and her child had been living together in the farm settlement, while the suspect lived separately.

Vanguard learned that the suspect insisted that her daughter should be living with him and not the mother-in-law in the farm settlement and an argument ensued, which degenerated into a scuffle.

The issue, according to reports, had been unresolved for months until the suspect insisted on taking the girl into his custody.

He was said to have continually expressed concern over his child's living condition in the farm settlement and the impression by the family of the wife that he was irresponsible.

An eyewitness said: "On Saturday, he went to the house of his mother-in-law, where his wife and child were living, and wanted to take his child from the woman.

"But they did not allow him. This led to an argument between them, which degenerated into a free-for-all.

"During the fight, he punched the woman, who collapsed and, shortly after, she passed away."

Vanguard was informed that on sensing danger, the suspect reportedly fled and his whereabouts unknown.

Contacted on the matter, the Police spokesperson, Femi Joseph, said the search for the suspect and investigation have commenced.

Joseph said: "Immediately after committing the crime, the suspect ran away and we have been looking for him. I am sure he will be arrested to face the full wrath of the law."