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## Farmer rapes minor to death in Ondo, lured her with N100

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A secondary school leaver turned farmer, Ikumuyi Isreal has reportedly raped a ten-year old primary school girl, Esther Friday to death in Igbotako, Okitipupa council area of Ondo State.

But for timely intervention, Isreal who was beaten black and blue would have been lynched by neighbours of the deceased parents.

The suspect, aged 27 who was handed over to the police said in his statement that he decided to become a farmer after his secondary school education and was following his mother to the farm.

According to him, it was the deceased that approached him in his house asking him to give her money.

"She came to meet me in my kitchen asking me for money, but I told her the money I had was to cook soup.

"After sometime, she came back to meet me but this time she followed me from the kitchen to the bedroom, still begging me for money. I later gave her N100 and slept with her in the room.

He stated that as she laid beside him on the bed, he developed amorous feeling for her since he had no girlfriend.

Isreal said that none of the girls he approached for relationship agreed to date him.

"I didn't mean to rape her, but when she slept with me on bed, I felt aroused and decided to quickly have sexual intercourse with her.

"I did not force her to have sex. We were together on the bed. Trou-



**Governor Hope Uzodimma of Imo State receiving his Covid-19 jab yesterday at the headquarters of the Imo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (ISPHCDA) from the Executive Secretary of ISPHCDA, Rev. Sis.(Dr.) Maria-Joannes Uzoma while wife of the governor, Barr. Chioma Uzodimma watches.**

ble started when I was trying to put my penis inside her vagina, it did not enter very well.

"My penis did not penetrate despite all my efforts to make sure I inserted it. It did not fully enter.

"I covered her mouth with my cover cloth so that she could not raise alarm, she was crying, but nobody could hear or come for her help, it was then that she suffocated to death.

"She died when I was having sex with her. She was in my room from 4:30pm till 6:pm.

"I became afraid after she died, I could not come out of the room when her parents began to look

for her.

He told the police that he was in his room with the deceased when he heard one Mummy Peju passing by the door and said they were looking for deceased.

According to him "one Baba Awu called me and when I opened the door to answer him some of our neighbours came into his room and started beating him.

"It was in the process that they came into my room and found the dead body of the girl on my bed.

"They beat me before they handed me over to policemen.

Meanwhile, the suspect has been

asked to be remanded in Owo prison by an Akure Magistrates' Court sitting at Oke-Ede.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person allegedly committed the offence at about 4:30pm, at Akinkosile village via Igbotako, in Ondo State on February 2, 2021.

The prosecutor, Inspector Ulioh Goodluck while presenting the facts of the case before the court said that the accused person killed Esther by raping her to death.

Goodluck said that the offence committed by the accused person contravened sections 316, 319(1) of the Criminal Code Cap 37, Vol. 1 Laws of the Ondo State of Nigeria 2006.