

# Suspected ex-convict kills 45-year-old housewife after raping her in Ondo 1

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**A**KURE—AN ex-convict has reportedly killed a 45-year-old housewife and farmer, Kudirat Bolarinwa, after raping her, in Ondo town, Ondo State.

Vanguard gathered that the victim was raped and killed at Lakere, Ayeyemi area of the town.

Her naked and decomposing body was discovered by the police search team in the forest, weekend.

Sources said that the deceased went with the suspect to buy plantain in a farm before she was attacked, raped and killed.

The deceased was declared missing after she failed to return from the farm on Friday.

It was gathered that the deceased's husband, Abolarinwa, led police to search for the missing wife after reporting the incident at the Enu-Owa Police Division in the area.

A bag containing a small paper, said to belong to the killer was reportedly found at the scene of the crime.

The source added that the paper found at the scene of the crime, indicated that the suspect was released from Segede prison on February 6, 2024.

Police source said that there

were signs of violent marks on the deceased's body as she was found naked with machet cuts.

Vanguard learned that the state police command, has launched manhunt after the fleeing suspected ex-convict.

When contacted, the state's police command spokesperson, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the murder of the housewife and

farmer.

Odunlami said: "On 08/30/2024 about 1700hrs, one Tajudeen Bolarinwa of Ago Road, Onipetesi village reported that at 1630 hrs that his wife, Mrs. Kudirat Bolarinwa aged 45 yrs, who goes from one farm to the other to buy kolanuts was killed in the bush by an unknown person.

"At the scene of the incident, the deceased was left with only pant and the side of her face, lower arm and head was severely matcheted.

"The body of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue in Ondo town while efforts are ongoing to arrest the culprit," Odunlami added.

## N4.8bn fraud: Ibeto may opt for plea bargain, paid N1.5bn to complainant, EFCC reveals

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**L**AGOS—THE Economic Land Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has informed a Lagos State High Court, sitting in Ikeja, that Cletus Ibeto, Chairman of Ibeto Energy Development Company, has repaid the commission, a total of N1.5 billion, in two instalments.

EFCC's lawyer, Mr. Rotimi Jacobs, disclosed this at the ongoing trial of Chief Ibeto and his companies, Ibeto Energy Development Company and Odoh Holdings Limited, over an alleged N4.8 billion fraud pending before Justice Oyindamola Ogala.

Jacobs also informed Justice

Ogala that the defendants paid the money as part of the ongoing plea bargain discussion between the anti-graft agency and the defendants.

He added that the defendants have agreed to pay the balance within the next three months.

The defence lawyer, Adebayo Oshodi, did not deny or confirm the claim.

The EFCC had charged the defendants before the court on a 10-count charge of conspiracy, fraud, forgery and fraudulent use of documents.

However, the case could not go, yesterday, due to the disagreement between the prosecution and the defence on which application is ripe for hearing.

While Oshodi insisted that the defendants' application challenged the territorial jurisdiction of the court and should be heard by the court, Jacobs argued that the court could not entertain the application because the issues canvassed in it are also the same issues the defendants have placed before the Court of Appeal for determination.

The EFCC counsel also drew the court's attention to an order issued by the former judge, Justice Ismail Ijelu, trial judge in the case before it was transferred to Justice Ogala, ordering the arrest of Chief Ibeto.

The Lagos State Director of Public Prosecution, DPP, Dr. Babajide Martins, who appeared in the matter as an interested