

## Employees kill 56-year-old farmer over N900,000 in Edo



*Map of Edo State.*

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**BENIN CITY —**A 56-year-old farmer in Edo State, Henry Oyagbomwan, has been killed and buried in a shallow grave by five of his farm workers.

He was said to have been killed after he reportedly sold pineapple worth N900,000 at his farm in Igueze village, Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State and police sources said the five workers collected the money from the sales, killed their employer and fled to different locations.

It was gathered that after killing the victim, the workers called the family and demanded a ransom of N60 million, but the family insisted on talking to their patraich before making payment.

The workers were said to have then demanded N300,000 and cut off all communication after collecting the money.

Following reports to the police, men of the anti-kidnapping squad reportedly went after the kidnappers and tracked one of them to Akwa Ibom State, where they arrested one of the suspects, Bassey Umeh, in a creek.

It was gathered that Umeh revealed that the victim has been killed and took police operatives to where the victim was buried.

Son of the deceased, Festus, said the cell phones of other suspects have been switched off.

Edo Police spokesman, Moses Yamu, said investigation would continue for other fleeing suspects to be arrested.