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Lagos Prince Murders 62-Year-Old Woman, Dumps Corpse In Well

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A 44-year-old Lagos Prince, Wale Oyekan, is in the police custody for alleged murder. Prince Oyekan, alongside one Lateef Balogun, 20, were arrested recently over the gruesome murder of a 62-year-old woman, Alhaja Sikirat Ekun.

The suspects allegedly strangled Ekun in her bedroom at Omole Phase 1 in Lagos State

and took over her businesses and other property.

The suspects were paraded on Friday at the Lagos State Police Command, Ikeja.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Umar Manko, said the suspects were arrested following a complaint of a missing person.

It was learnt that the deceased's younger brother, one Iyiola Olaniyi, reported that Ekun has been missing since October 16, 2012.

Following the report, one DSP Oyewole, with a team of policemen, began investigation. It was then they discovered Ekun's corpse in a 1,000 feet well.

Oyekan is the manager of the deceased's business.

Manko said: "Some of her workers in her restaurant and bar called Lainon Ventures Limited at Omole Phase 1 were arrested and interrogated but they all denied knowledge of their missing boss. However, as a follow up, we discovered that some of the deceased's property had been removed from the house. While tracing the circumstance surrounding the sudden removal of her Volkswagen Bus with registration number CH 760 FST, it was discovered that her manager, by name Prince Wale Oyekan, had removed and sold the vehicle to one Michael Dominic and Tunde Davis for the sum of N170,000. The police team, during the search of the premises, observed a well located in the premises and engaged the service of a digger who dug about 1,000 feet where he discovered the lifeless body of the missing woman in the dry well."

Manko stated that the police also recovered the deceased's "vital documents, her Nigeria international passport, driver's licence, pictures, keys, generating set, gas cylinder."

In his confessional statement, Balogun stated that Oyekan contracted him to kill Ekun. He said: "Prince Wale came to meet me in October to help him kill Alhaja. He told me that he has to make money but Alhaja was preventing him. So that night, we entered her room and I held her down while Wale killed her. We threw her body into the well and we escaped. Wale gave me N6,000 to keep quiet."

In his statement, Oyekan said he "only saw Lateef killing the Alhaja but he did not participate in the killing."

He also allegedly confessed that he impersonated Ekun, using her cell phone to send text messages to the deceased's friends and relatives so as not to allow them know she was dead.

Manko added that the police, following Oyekan's confession, stormed his residence at 1, Olarewanju Street, Salulu Bus Stop, Agbado Ijaiye, Lagos State, where they recovered from his wife, one Modupe Lasege, documents of land, vehicles and buildings that

belong to the deceased.

Balogun was arrested at Egbe Street, Isale Eko, Lagos Island, on December 12, 2012.

“Nine suspects are in custody in respect of the case,” Manko said.

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