Ashraf Amrani: 'Parents killed by convicted rapist son who then plunged to his death from tower block'

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Victim: Zohra Amrani

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This is the first picture of a mother allegedly murdered by her convicted rapist son who then plunged to his death from a tower block.

Zohra Amrani, 59, and her husband Hassan, 72, were found dead at their home in Westbourne Grove by police who went to inform them of their 30-year-old son Ashraf's death.

Amrani, who was released from jail last year after completing a prison sentence for a horrific sex assault, fell to his death on Friday in a suspected suicide. His body was found by residents on the first-floor roof of a block of flats.

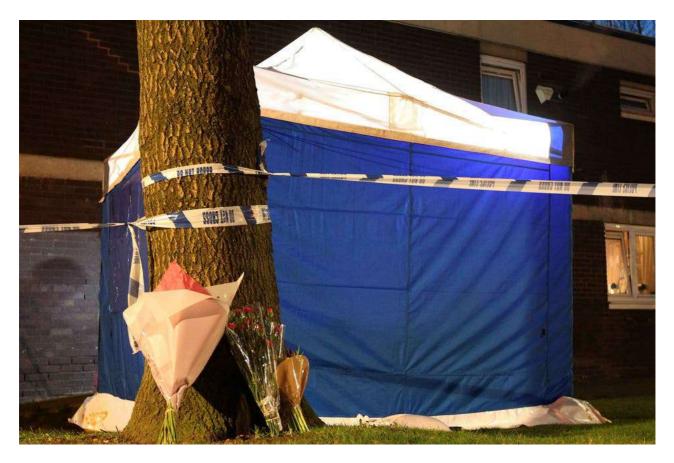
Officers sent to break the news to his parents on Saturday found their bodies inside their home at a neighbouring building. Detectives are treating the deaths as a suspected murder-suicide and are not seeking anyone else.



Police tape: a forensic Officer at the flat entrance (Picture: Nigel Howard)

The case is due to be referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission after it emerged officers had been called to the family home in Landor House, Westbourne Park, Road three days earlier when Amrani was arrested on suspicion of affray.

He was freed on bail pending further inquiries and was due to return to a police station this week.



Murder investigation: flowers left at the scene in Westbourne Park Road, Paddington (Picture: Nigel Howard)

Neighbours today said his mother had looked "worried" in the days leading up to the deaths and the couple had spoken of plans to return to their native Morocco.

Amrani, a former Essendon School pupil who trained as a plumber, was said to have caused "friction" after returning home from prison. He was jailed for seven years in June 2010 after he filmed himself carrying out a vicious sex attack and then threatened to send footage to his victim's family if she reported him to police.



Police investigation: forensic officers at the scene (Picture: Nigel Howard)

A neighbour said: "He was arrested a few days ago for being abusive to his parents. They let him out on bail and now this happened. Zohra and Hassan were very polite and kept themselves private. They were lovely. Everyone is shocked."

A 30-year-old woman who lives in the same block said: "I saw Zohra on Thursday at around 9pm. She said there was some trouble in her house, and she was fed up and wanted to go back to Morocco." The couple are also believed to have had an elder daughter, who is married with a young child.

Police said they "are not looking for anyone else in connection with this incident."