

Scottish Missionary Killed in Athens: 'She Truly Incarnated the Love and Passion of Jesus'

A suspect has been arrested in connection with the death of a 38-year-old missionary who was killed in Athens, Greece.

The body of Elisabeth-Jane Ross, a Christian missionary from Scotland, was found inside a suitcase after she was reported missing for several days.

The BBC reports her family released a statement saying:

"Lisa will always be remembered by us as kind, principled and selfless.

"Her integrity was absolute, and she dedicated her life to helping others in need.

"We are in deep pain, and we ask for time and privacy as we come to terms with our loss."



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A 26-year-old boxer from Afghanistan, Sharif Ahmadzai, has been charged in the case, accused of murdering Ross and committing robbery.

In mid-to-late June, Elisabeth-Jane Ross, also known as "Lisa," arrived in Greece to volunteer with a refugee support group based in Athens.

The seasoned missionary initially stayed with friends before she traveled to the Kypseli district, where she went missing

and was found dead on July 18, 2026.

A homeless man found Ross' body in a suitcase near an abandoned building in the Kypseli district.

Authorities soon identified Ahmadzai as a suspect in Ross' death. Police say Ahmadzai, who is married to an American aid worker living in Greece, admitted to moving Ross' body but denied killing her.

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