

Man kills female lover in Cross River

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A middle-aged man, Malime EJOR, has been accused of killing his girlfriend, Moshie Igu, over alleged infidelity in a community in Cross River State, sparking outrage among residents who are calling for justice.

PUNCH Metro learnt from local sources on Monday that the incident occurred in the early hours of Saturday at about 0600hrs.

The 35-year-old suspect allegedly attacked the 26-year-old woman at a farm in Nwang Village, Ekajuk community, in the Ogoja Local Government Area of Cross River State.

One of the residents, who pleaded anonymity, said, “We heard the commotion and noise and rushed to the scene, but we were unable to prevent the situation because he was already using a machete on her.”

He reported that a heated argument broke out between the man and his lover over accusations of extramarital affairs, which escalated into violence, during which the suspect allegedly attacked her, leading to her death.

“We could not do anything. We were able to hold him. Our youths caught him and later handed him over to security operatives,” he added.

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Confirming the incident, the spokesperson for the Nigeria Police Force in the state, ASP Sunday Eitokpah, said on Sunday that an investigation had commenced and assured that justice would be served.

“The suspect is currently in custody, and a full investigation is ongoing to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident,” the police spokesperson stated.

“Upon receipt of the report, police operatives promptly visited the scene. The suspect was apprehended and rescued from an attempted mob action by angry youths. He is currently in police custody for his safety and ongoing investigation.”

“The victim’s remains have yet to be deposited at the General Hospital Mortuary, Ogoja, as necessary arrangements are being concluded. Meanwhile, the case is being prepared for transfer to the State Criminal Investigation Department for a discreet and thorough investigation,” Eitokpah explained.

Recall that on March 10, PUNCH reported that a 29-year-old man, Quadri Mohammed, killed his 26-year-old girlfriend, Precious Mogaji, in Ibadan, the capital of Oyo State.

The spokesperson for the Oyo State Police Command, Olayinka Ayanlade, said the police had commenced an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the woman’s death.

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