

Man remanded for killing teenage cousin in Enugu

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A 51-year-old neighbourhood security operative, Emeka Emmanuel Nwangwu, has been arraigned and remanded for the murder of his 19-year-old cousin, Loveth Uloma Nwangwu, whose death had sparked outrage across Nsukka and social media.

The incident occurred on December 1, 2025, at Bekay

Pharmacy, located by the Total Roundabout in Nsukka.

Witnesses said the suspect stormed into the pharmacy, where Loveth was receiving treatment and violently assaulted her, smashing her head against the floor. She was said to have been rushed to the hospital, where doctors confirmed her dead.

A video that surfaced online hours after the incident showed

Loveth recounting the threats she had faced from the suspect, whom she described as a serial abuser.

"He locked me up and threatened that if I ever go to my parents' house again, he would kill me, my mother and brother; that the police will not do anything. He said it was not a threat—that it was a promise," she said.

Police authorities, in a statement, confirmed that Loveth had, in fact, reported a case of sexual abuse, abduction, defilement, and threats to life against the suspect on November 28, at the Umabor Police Division.

The girl alleged that she had been living with Nwangwu since 2019, at age 13, after the death of his wife, and that he restricted her communication while he repeatedly abused her.

In a detailed statement released by the Enugu State Police Command, the Police Public Relations Officer, Daniel Ndukwe, described the events leading to the killing.

He said, "The deceased had earlier reported a case of defilement, sexual abuse, abduction, and threat to life against the suspect... She later escaped and reported to the police, who issued her a medical report for examination."

Ndukwe explained that the suspect initially confessed to the allegations when invited to the station, promising to return the girl's belongings.

Her family, due to "personal ties" and the "incestuous and abominable nature of the act," opted for spiritual cleansing rather than immediate prosecution.

The events turned fatal just days later.

"Tragically, while receiving treatment at a pharmacy in Nsukka, the suspect forced his way in, assaulted her, and struck her head repeatedly on the floor, causing fatal injuries," the police spokesman stated.

Nwangwu, who was first arrested by operatives of the Nsukka Urban Division with the support of the local Neighbourhood Watch, has now been arraigned before an Enugu State Magistrates' Court on a one-count charge of murder. The court ordered his remand and directed that the case file be forwarded to the Ministry of Justice for further review.

The Commissioner of Police, Mamman Bitrus Giwa, condemned the murder and described it as "cruel and heartbreaking".

"We have ensured that the investigation is meticulous and that justice is already in motion. The suspect has been arraigned and remanded accordingly," he said, while consoling the victim's family.

Outrage continues to mount on social media, where users are demanding swift justice for Loveth. Some community members have also alleged that the suspect is a politically connected figure who had operated freely for years.

Her death has now become a rallying point for advocates of child protection and gender-based violence prevention in Enugu State. The suspect remains in custody as the police await legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Obijackson preaches fitness at Okija health walk

of the Obijackson Group's three-day retreat, an annual event where staff review performance, share ideas, and plan for the coming year.

Obiejesi said the event will be held annually with a focus on fitness and wellness, highlighting the importance of good health through exercise and healthy living.

He said, "The 'Walkathon' is part of our efforts at promoting fitness and healthy living. This is what we do regularly, and I am so happy that our people are embracing it because health is the greatest wealth."

He urged residents to embrace simple habits such as walking, stretching and eating healthy meals as practical steps toward overall well-being, reiterating his commitment to promoting healthy living through continuous advocacy on fitness, nutrition, hygiene and mental health.

Also speaking, his wife, Nnenna Obiejesi, who also participated in the exercise, encouraged staff and residents to always put God first in all their personal and professional dealings.

The traditional ruler of Okija, Igwe Emeka Okezie, commended the Obijackson Group for the initiative, describing it as a refreshing and timely reminder of the benefits of regular exercise.

Meanwhile, as part of the celebration, Obiejesi commissioned two modern hostels, one for male students and one for female students, a new classroom block, and, also, upgraded facilities for learning at the Gonzaga Jesuit College, Okija.

The event, held at the school premises in Okija, brought together students, staff, parents, Jesuit priests, community leaders, and benefactors to celebrate the vision that has shaped the school since its inception.

Obiejesi said, "Education is one of the greatest gifts we can give the next generation. It prepares our children to face life's challenges, think critically, and grow into responsible citizens."

He expressed gratitude for

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