

Police Arrest Prophetess, Midwife Over Death of Women, Infants



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Two persons who claimed to be midwives have been arrested by men of the [Ondo State Police Command](#) over the death of two women during childbirth and their unborn children.

The [Police Public Relations Officer](#) (PPRO), Abayomi Jimoh, who disclosed this, said the first maternal and infant death occurred in Emure-Ile in the Owo Local Government area of the state, while the other happened in Akure, the state capital.

Narrating the incidents, Jimoh, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) said on the 16th of April, 2026, one Remilekun informed the Police that her brother, Mr. Bawa Lawal, had received information concerning the death of his wife, Mrs. Bawa Blessing, who had gone into labour at a private residence in the Gloryland area, off Ado Road, Akure.



Jimoh said the residence is reportedly owned by one Elizabeth Aremu, who allegedly presented herself as a midwife. The victim was said to have developed complications shortly after delivery and died before she could be transported to a medical facility.

He said during the investigation, detectives visited the scene where the lifeless body of a newborn infant was discovered wrapped in a sack. The suspect was promptly arrested.

In another incident, the Police spokesman said on the 11th of April, 2026, one Augustine Kufre reported that his girlfriend, Genifer Sunday, aged 20 years, was taken to a Church in Emure-Ile due to labour pains.

According to him, the prophetess of the church, identified as Blessing Efiong, allegedly undertook the delivery. The newborn infant reportedly died at the scene, while the mother later died on the way to the hospital following complications. The suspect in this case has also been arrested.

In both cases, Jimoh said detectives from the Command have commenced thorough investigations. He said the remains of the deceased mothers and their infants have been deposited at the State Specialist Hospital, Akure, and the Federal Medical Centre morgue, respectively, for preservation and autopsy.

The police spokesman assured the public that diligent investigations are ongoing to unravel the circumstances surrounding these tragic incidents and to ensure that all persons found culpable are brought to justice.

The Command strongly advised members of the public to always seek medical care from qualified and licensed healthcare providers, particularly in critical situations such as childbirth, and to avoid unregulated facilities or individuals posing as medical practitioners.