

Policeman kills wife, hangs self

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A police constable attached to the Osisioma Police Division, near Aba, Abia State, has allegedly stabbed his wife to death and subsequently committed suicide by hanging himself on a tree in front of the police station.

It was gathered that the incident occurred after the police constable simply identified as Nnamdi O. (alias Sapele), last Tuesday returned from work and had a minor quarrel that has become a regular feature with his wife, Blessing, she was said to

have hailed from Akwa Ibom State and was carrying a two-month old pregnancy. The quarrel turned into a serious fight in the cause of which Nnamdi allegedly stabbed his wife, who he was yet to marry officially. She became unconscious immediately.

That made Nnamdi to hurriedly arrange for an ambulance that took her to a hospital where she was confirmed dead.

The policeman humedly put the corpse in a mortuary and requested the ambulance driver to take him home. But instead of going home,

he was said to have asked the driver to take him to the Osisioma police station few metres from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) depot where the driver dropped him off and left.

But pandemonium broke out in the area the following morning when the lifeless body of the police constable was seen dangling on top of the tree in front of the police station.

Since then, there have been questions on why the police man took his life. Some believe that the

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quarrel he was having with the woman he was yet to officially marry emanated from his village where it was said he had been having running battles with some people who had sworn to use juju to deal with him.

Another story has it that since he was not officially married to the woman, he would not be able to withstand the problem that would originate from her death and therefore, decided to take his own life.

When *Daily Champion* visited the police station, the Divisional

Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Chuks Enweonu, refused to speak on the issue, while the Police Public Relations Officer in the State, Mr. Ali Okechukwu, who spoke on phone, said he had not been briefed on the matter and as such could not comment on it.

However, a reliable police source told *Daily Champion* that Nnamdi, whose true place of origin was yet to be ascertained was having some

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domestic problems which was traced to his village, adding that for sometime, the policeman's behaviour particularly towards his wife, changed for the worst. He was said to have always picked up quarrel with the wife at the slightest provocation which culminated into the squabble that cost them their lives. The body had also been deposited in a morgue awaiting autopsy.