



# CRIMIE BEAT

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## I drank urine, ate faeces as water, food—Maid

•I punished them for stealing soup meat—Madam

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**S**TRONG heart melted, women wept and journalists as well as policemen sobbed as 14 year-old maid, Ebuka painted a gory picture of how his madam Lynda Elochukwu treated him and other maids in her custody, which allegedly resulted in the death of one of them, whom he simply identified as Oliver.

Daily Champion observed that, saved for prompt intervention of some armed mobile policemen, the suspect and her husband, Goddy would have been lynched by angry mothers from Oduduwa police barrack who listened to Ebuka's pathetic stories.. The women, who described the suspect's action as wicked and callous requested an instant jungle judgment to be passed on her.

The victim made the declaration while testifying at the parade of his madam and her husband over the death of the deceased at the Oduduwa Police Command annex, Ikeja.

He alleged that the victim died as a result of torture by the suspect who is a mother of two.

The fragile looking Ebuka who later collapsed at the state Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, Panti, Yaba said he drank urine as water and ate his own faeces as food when their madam refused to give him food for days while on chain. He argued that he was severely chained over allegation of stealing meat inside the soup and other allegations bothering on disobedience acts, which he denied.

He said "In one of my sufferings in the hand of madam, I drank my urine as water while on chain. No body gave me water or food and when I wanted to eat my faeces, I wept. I thought that I would die but God touched my madam the next day and she unchained me. Before this period, she chained me for two weeks inside the toilet, I escaped and ran to Okota police station where I reported but she came to the police and signed undertaking that she would not beat me again. But she did not respect the agreement.

Before Oliver died, she chained us for causing soup to sour. On that night, The truth is that on that fateful night, NEPA took light and I reminded her the need to warm the soup but she said that light would come later in the night, but the light was not restored till morning. When she discovered that the soup had soured, she blamed us for the issue and later chained us. I wanted to escape but I was thinking that, if I do, she would kill Oliver. Oliver was crying and begging her to loose him on chain but she refused until he could no longer bear the pains. He collapsed before she untied him and abandoned him in the house. When she saw that the boy was about dying, she attempted to rush him to hospital but he died on his way. After beating and chaining us, she would not take us to any clinic for treatment but God saw us true. We saw hell in her hand her."

He added that aside from chaining them the woman beat them with every available tool, including horse whips, piston, iron and hammer.



•Suspect



•Some of the tools used for beating

Ebuka, Oliver and Emma were maids to Lynda who was a house wife. They were brought from various homes in the Eastern parts of the country by the suspect to assist her to look after the two children.

But the suspect who did not deny chaining the maids alleged that she did that to punish them for their wrong doings. She however argued that she was not responsible for the death of the deceased. She added that the deceased died as a result of 'stooling', noting that her effort to save his life proved abortive as the boy died on her way to the hospital.

Asked while she took three maids even when she is not a career woman, she said that she wanted to test the characters of them to enable her select the best two..

The husband, Goddy however said that the maids complained that the wife was starving them, arguing that he was not aware that she used to chain them.

Confirming the incident, Police spokesman; Mr. Frank Mba said the police would not leave any stone unturned to ensure that the suspects are genuinely prosecuted to serve as deterrent to many others who maltreat their made in such manner. Mba said the police would invoke the child right



•Ebuka & Emmanuel

## I snatched exotic cars at gun points —Suspect

**T**HIRTY-NINE year old Idowu Saliu, recently arrested for several robberies in Lagos has explained that he went into the bussiness of snatching exotic cars to deal with fraudsters, who allegedly duped him of his hard earned cash. He said the way and manner in which the fraudsters use their ill gotten monies to buy exotic and flashy cars pained him while harrrd working people trekk along the streets.

Saliu, who said he was earlier duped by fraudsters to the tune of N1.6 million, argued that he was on a revenge mission against fraudsters.

"I would not have ventured into robbery, if not that I was a victim. I was a cobbler and after raising some little money from my job, I travelled outside the country and when I returned to establish my self with the little money I had. They duped me and left me with nothing. I became useless and didn't know where to start again. I was in this state before my friend introduced me to this kind of work. I didn't like it but what would I do. I then saw it as opportunity to avenge and I decided to snatch exotic cars such as Toyota Camry Jeeps Avenis, Honda, Mecces etc. I didn't kill any body during my operation."

He added that he wanted to use his loots to revive himself and business but noted that his arrest has made him to believe that it is not good to pay evil with evil.

The suspect who also confessed to his criminal activity, said he decided not to shed any blood during his over one year reign in the criminal

world because he was not in the business to kill but to avenge as well as recoup his lost money. "I wanted to go back to my planned business of importation. I don't want to continue in robbing people. I just want to raise the money, My boss gave me between N1000 to N150,000 at every successful operation. He was the one that sold all the cars I snatched. From the money he gave me, I settle some of my boys who drove the car to the point of sales."

He argued that he had no intention of killing his victims but confirmed that he pointed guns at the driver's head and other occupants to force them to comply with his orders.

"When they see the gun in my hand, no body would tell them to surrender their cars to us. I can say that I used the gun to intimidate and frighten them as well as compel them to do our biddings not to kill them. I thank God, none of my victims struggled with me. You know, most of them did not suffer to buy the car, so they can let it go, on sighting the gun."

He further noted that they constructed a deep hole inside the door mat of his Honda car for safe keeping of their guns, adding that the hole, could accommodate over four neatly concealed guns inside the car to avoid eagle eyed policemen from detecting them.

As at the time he was arrested, our correspondent saw about five guns, including AK47 rifle Military sub marines, cut to size double