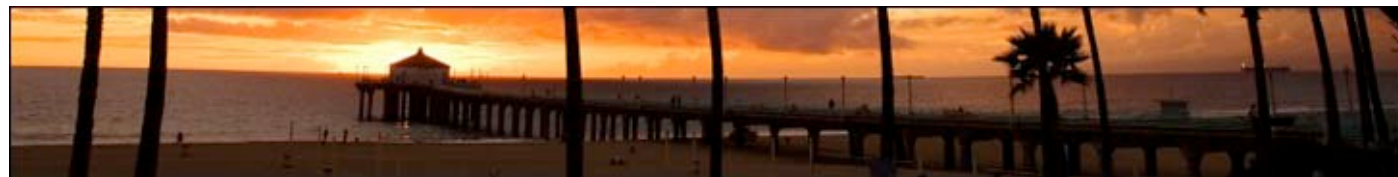


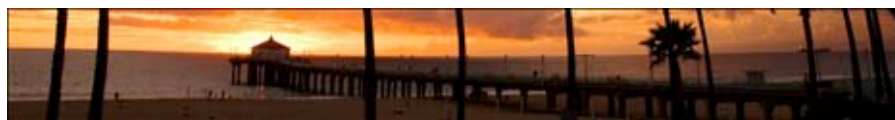
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**Nigeria: Woman Found Dead in Well in Benin**

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Benin — IT was a gory sight at No. 20 Evboka Street at Ahor Village in Uhumwonde local government area of Edo state located on the lonely Benin-Lagos Bypass as a lifeless body of a 62-year old woman Felicia Agbonyinma was yesterday recovered from a disused dry well.

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Ahor a quiet agrarian settlement became a busy community a few years ago when the Benin bypass was constructed and thereafter the local government council relocated cattle dealers to the area.

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Sympathizers and family members who had thronged the scene in awesome looks told newsmen said that the late mother of 6 may have been a victim of ritualists who had a rethink and decided to strangulate her before dumping her in the well.

Daily Champion gathered that the deceased was found naked, with her mouth and eyes gagged without any wounds on her body, in a dry well located behind the same house where the villagers had a social wake over the weekend.

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Her relationship with the residents of the house could not be ascertained at press time.

The son of the late woman, Jolly told newsmen that her mother who lives in No. 20 Osagiede Street, off Igun Street, Benin City travelled to the village of Ahor last Friday for a social wake but did not return on Saturday morning as she promised.

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He said "when we did not see her we telephone the village and people began to search for her; then after sometime they saw a well and looked and saw a person inside-it was my mother".

Jolly said initially villagers who felt it was an abomination to find an aged woman in a well did not want to retrieve the corpse until men from the Ehor Police station showed up and youths in the area assisted in bringing out the corpse, which has since been deposited in a private mortuary in Benin City.

Meanwhile the Edo state Police Public relations Commissioner ASP Peter Ogboi could not be reached for comments to confirm the incident as his cell phone was unreachable.

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