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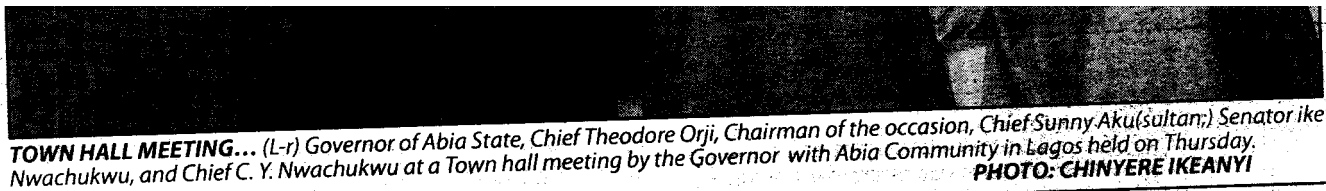
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**TOWN HALL MEETING...** (L-r) Governor of Abia State, Chief Theodore Orji, Chairman of the occasion, Chief Sunny Akul (sultan), Senator Ike Nwachukwu, and Chief C. Y. Nwachukwu at a Town hall meeting by the Governor with Abia Community in Lagos held on Thursday.  
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Mope was said to have been unconscious and efforts to revive her when she was rushed to the hospital failed, as she passed out that night.

Parading the suspect in Ado Ekiti yesterday, the State Police Commissioner, Mr Sotonye Wakama, said the remains of the victim had been deposited at the morgue of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH) in Ado Ekiti.

The Police Command also paraded another 39-year old armed banditry and car snatching kingpin and a native of Isan Ekiti in Oye Local Government Area, Dele Ajayi for allegedly snatched a Golf Volkswagen Car and killed the owner of the car.

During the incident, which happened on May 18, 2012 at Akonnasan, a dangerous bend along Ado-Iyin Road, an officer of the Command, who ran into the robbers was critically wounded and his

service pistol stolen.

Dele, during interrogation, also confessed to the robbery of June 5, 2012, which occurred at Ode Ekiti, where a Toyota Highlander Jeep was snatched at gunpoint and occupants traumatized.

The Police Commissioner disclosed that the notorious armed bandit was arrested by men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad at Adebayo Area of the state capital.

Wakama, who boasted that Ekiti would be made to be a no-go-area for armed robbers during his tenure, said the duo had confessed to have committed the crimes in their statements.

The CP explained that the command is expecting autopsy report from medical experts to be able to know the charges that would be slammed against Danusa for allegedly killing his wife.

He explained that preliminary investigations conducted by the Police revealed that Danusa and Mope had been living a cat and dog's life before the sad event took place.

When quizzed further by pressmen, Danusa explained that the late Mopelola, had demanded for money from him in preparation for his father's burial, saying the development led to a brawl and exchange of bout.

"When she asked me for money, I said I had none, but she kept on disturbing me. But I expected her to leave me alone because my mother had earlier given her some money to organize the burial.

"This is a lesson that men must have endurance not minding what a woman does. I never meant to kill her on that fateful day, it was just a mistake", Danusa said.

The Police Commissioner said the two suspects will be charged to court soon.

Dangerous weapons recovered from Ajayi

include: Two cut to Size barrel guns, one double barrel locally made pistol, one Chief Revolver Pistol, belonging to the officer of the

Command, 25 live cartridges, 2 rounds of expended AK 47 Ammunition, two masks and two small caskets.

## Female cashier, accomplices, bag 17 yrs jail term for bathing manager with acid

STEVE OKO, Umuahia

**A** magistrate court in Umuahia, Abia State, has sentenced one Ijeoma Amarachi, 25, a cashier with BAWAS Oil to 17 years in prison with hard labour for conspiring with her accomplices to steal N14 million belonging to the company, and for pouring acid on the Manager of the company, Mr. Onyechekwa Anyalewechi.

In the first suit, the female cashier and her accomplice, one Kelechi Okorie, were both convicted of stealing from the company the sum of N14,858,264.58 and sentenced for seven years in prison with hard labour.

According to the charge sheet, two-count charge preferred against the suspects, reads in part: "Ijeoma Amarachi, 25, and Kelechi Okorie, 22, plus one person at large, between January 1 and 31st day of August 2008, at BAWAS filling station, Uzakoli Road in Umuahia, in the Umuahia North Magisterial district, conspired to commit an offense punishable under section 516 A of the criminal Code CAP 77: Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1990."

"That the same persons, same period stole N14,858,264.58, property of BAWAS filling station, punishable under section 390 A of the Criminal Code."

According to a separate

suit number U/506/C/2008, the same cashier "Ijeoma Amarachi, and Ndubuisi Johnson, and one person at large, on September 13, 2008, at Umuabali Umuokpara, in Umuahia North, conspired and unlawfully attempted to kill one Onwuchekwa Anyalewechi by pouring acid on him".

Delivering judgment on the first suit, the trial Magistrate, John Ukpai, pronounced all three accused including one at large guilty of two-count charge of conspiracy and stealing, and thus committed them to seven years in prison.

On the second suit, the Magistrate ruled that the accused were to spend 10 years in prison for unlawful act of felony, but added that both prison terms were to run concurrently.

According to him, "the accused persons are callous and wicked individuals who should be kept away from other persons for a while".

However, counsel to the accused made an oral expression of interest to appeal against the judgments.

Reacting on the judgment, the Director of BAWAS Oil, and Traditional Prime Minister of Ibeku land, Chief Uche Akwukwuegbu, expressed delight that justice at last had prevailed.

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