

Woman kills her new baby

A 25-year-old homebrew liquor seller has been arrested by the police in Lagos for allegedly killing her baby moments after birth.

The woman, who sells local gin (paraga) at Oshodi market, allegedly had a fling

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with one of her numerous customers resulting in a pregnancy, neighbours said.

It was gathered that she could not say who was actually responsible for the pregnancy. And so, after the

birth of the baby last Saturday at about 3.00 a.m. without anybody knowing, she allegedly strangled the tot and put it in a black polythene bag and then dumped it in a gutter around Mosafejo area of Oshodi.

A resident of the area, Mr.

Rotimi, saw the woman while she dumping the corpse, and reported the incident to the police.

He said: "until that Saturday, we knew she was heavy with pregnancy and when I saw her through the window, I noticed she had given birth because her stomach had become flat.

"She put something in a black polythene bag and dumped it in a gutter and left, not knowing that I was watching her. I opened the sack and found the baby. I

immediately ran to CSP Johnson Woke, the DPO at Mosafejo police station to report what I had seen.

"He immediately dispatched his men to rescue the baby but unfortunately, the baby was dead by the time the police got there. You see, the person who has a head does not have a cap to wear. While there are so many women looking for a child, you see another person throwing it away to the extent of killing the child.

Isn't that wicked? I think

this act is the fallout of prostitution. This will serve as a lesson to ladies who keep different men at the same time," he said.

As at the time of filing this report, the suspect was still being interrogated by the police while the corpse of the baby has been deposited at the Isolo General Hospital mortuary.

The Divisional Police Officer of the station, Johnson Woke a chief superintendent of police (CSP) declined comment's on the incident.

Woman, son murdered in Port Harcourt ...Pastor on the run

A 28-year-old woman and her two-year-old son have been murdered by unknown assassins at the Eligbolo Primary School area of Port Harcourt.

The murdered woman popularly called Auntie Funmi and her son Tj were discovered after the smell of their decomposing bodies began to disturb neighbours.

The Rivers State Police Commissioner Mr. Samuel Adetuyi, confirmed the incident to *Daily Trust* but added that the command is investigating the matter.

Adetuyi said the police public relations officer will release the outcome of the investigations, saying the culprits would be discovered and brought to book.

The woman who lived near the primary school, was said to have gone to sleep in the night of that ill-fated day without knowing what would befall her and her little son.

A neighbour of the

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deceased, Mrs Ngozi Ude, who narrated the incident to *Daily Trust*, said that Funmi went to sleep but could not wake up in the morning as usual.

Ude said that the neighbours initially became suspicious after sunrise when normally Funmi would have woken up to prepare for work. She said Funmi had just gained employment with the UBA about two months ago before the incident.

"But we on the other side, thought that she left her flat very early as she used to do sometimes for morning service or any other call. When it was night and her whereabouts was not known, there was confusion but some people said she must have travelled."

"So we waited, expecting her arrival or at least a call

because her GSM number became unavailable. This was last week Thursday. Her room was under lock. After about four days, the stench from the corpse began to spoil the air around"

"It was then that her door was forced open and she was found dead with her poor innocent son by her side", Ude maintained.

According to her, people in the area wept profusely because of the deceased was sociable with her neighbours. "She was so kind to everybody in this place," she said.

A church member, Laurita Eze, told our correspondent that the deceased was a dedicated member of the church, saying that the initial denial of her membership by the pastor had raised suspicion on the followers, some of who threatened to quit for other denominations.

..Babay found dead

A baby was found dead at Rumuokoro in the Rivers state capital, Port Harcourt, on Wednesday.

The one year old baby was dumped in a pit. It was alive when passers by found it in the early morning, but all efforts to save it failed.

Emmanuela Idam told *Daily Trust* that the baby was not identified as nobody knew why it was left there.

Idam said it was clear to be the handiwork of prostitutes who dump babies they do not want in dustbins and pits.

She said it may have been

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the work of ritualists, as no part of the body was missing.

"I don't believe it is ritualists at work in this case. The baby was complete. Ritualists normally cut off parts of the body for their evil. I am sure it is prostitutes at work", she said.

"They get rid of their pregnancies. And when they fail, they throw the babies away. Yet, they seem not to be scared of the killer disease called HIV/AIDS and the so many deadly consequences of pre-marital and unguarded sex", another witness, Glory

Ekeleuwa, said.

The Rivers state police public relations officer, DSP Mrs. Ireju Barasua a deputy superintendent of police (DSP) was not available for comments.

Residents however, have decried the increase in the number of prostitutes parading the city as well as the crimes associated with it.

The police in Rivers state have of recent expressed serious worry over the rise and indiscriminate location of brothels and unapproved hotels which have become havens for cultists and criminals.