

Baby found dead inside well

A day-old baby was weekend found dead inside a well in a compound at Mararaba, Nasarawa state.

Occupants of the compound told the *City News* that they woke up in the morning to fetch water from the well and discovered that there was an object inside the well.

"We thought an animal had died inside the well. One of us went into the well to remove the object and discovered that it was the corpse of a baby," a tenant said.

He said the corpse was taken to Mararaba police sta-

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tion and the case reported.

At the police station, a senior police officer who pleaded anonymity said a female suspect had been arrested.

The teenage girl (names withheld) was said to have confessed to dumping her day-old baby in the well at 2pm on Aug 15, the officer said.

The officer said the corpse spent some days inside the well before it was discovered.

"The teenager is presently

behind the counter and would be charged for culpable homicide," the policeman said.

In another development, the police at Mararaba have tightened up security to combat crimes in the area. The *City News* learnt that more police posts have been erected in numerous areas in the community while community policing is being encouraged.

A police officer told our correspondent that residents are encouraged by the police to organise vigilante groups in their area.

"We are over-populated and have bad roads in

Mararaba," the officer said. He said the division was well armed to take care of any crises and advocated for more vehicles to aid police operations in the area.

The reporter learnt that three robbery suspects were shot dead by the police during a robbery operation at Aunty Alice area at Mararaba, while four others escaped. The police source said efforts had been mapped out to capture the fleeing robbers.

"We have their names and are combing everywhere for them," the police officer said.