Businessman slaughters lady, blames the devil

n Abuja-based business man yesterday admitted to killing a young lady with a knife for refusing to have sex with him.

Alhaji Uba Abdullahi, a middle-aged man, alleged that Miss Mary Danladi collected N1,500 but refused to follow him to his house at Wuse Zone 6. She preferred having the sex at a nearby bush, Abdullahi told newsmen.

Abdullahi who hails from Kano state said he met Miss Mary Danladi at Garki District in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) on September 5 and agreed to pay her N1,000 for sex.

He was paraded yesterday by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Mike Okiro for the offence of murder.

Abdullahi said: "She led me to the bush. On getting there, she insisted that I must pay her N1,500 instead. I agreed and gave her N1,500. When we were about to meet, she said I must add N500.00 for her to make it N2,000

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because it was cold. I became angry and demanded for the refund of my money but she refused to refund it and refused to accept my request. "Instead she used an iron

"Instead, she used an iron rod and hit me on my back. She again hit me for the second time. That was when I brought out a knife from under the seat in my car and stabbed her on the stomach. She cried and jumped into my vehicle and held the steering. I used the knife to cut her throat. She died in the car.

"The blood gushing out from her body stained my body and my car. I removed her body and threw it out. I drove away from there to a safe distance and stopped to change my dress when the police came and arrested me. I did not have sex with her."

He blamed the devil for dragging him into committing murder.

IGP Okiro said neighbours and relations of late Mary

who hail from Kaduna state said the deceased was not a call girl.

He said: "Her relations told the police, and neighbours confirmed it, that the late Mary left their house to go to church but never returned. Call girls have a peculiar way of dressing. The victim's dressing was decent

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"In any case, the law is not interested in knowing whether or not she was a call girl. The most important thing was that a murder was committed and the suspect has explained how he did it."

Mr. Okiro said the suspect will soon be charged to court as soon as investigation into the matter is completed by the police. He said the suspect attempted to bribe the team of policemen led by Sergeant Ahmadu Yuguda that arrested him with N60, 000 but the policemen rejected the bribe.

Mr. Okiro approved the immediate promotion of all policemen in the team that effected the arrest.