

# Relatives accuse husband of killing his wife

**R**elatives of the late Mrs Stella Ubi, a member of staff of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, who was found dead Wednesday in her residence, have accused her husband, Mr Uche Abba, of killing her for ritual purposes.

*Daily Trust* reported Thursday that the late Mrs Ubi was found dead in her residence at 21, Paraku crescent, Wuse 11, Abuja. The police public relations officer SP Ahmed Musa confirmed it. He said no arrest had been made but efforts were ongoing to unravel the cause

**By Ahmed Mohammed**

of her death.

Mr James Ubi, a relative of the deceased, told *Daily Trust* yesterday in Abuja that: "My sister was last seen on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007 and we had an appointment that we would meet the next day. When I called her cell phone, it wasn't going through. I thought she might have gone to her husband's village. I went to their house again on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2007, but the house was locked. I then went again on the New Year day, but I

didn't see her. Shortly, I perceived a stench of rotten something, then I called the police who came and broke the door."

Mr Ubi added that: "When we entered the room with the police, we saw the decomposing corpse of my sister with flies all over her body. There were some ritual things like two eggs, charms, and blood on the table beside her. Her body was tied with rope and her head was put in a divided three seater chair, with an electric iron near her."

An uncle of the deceased, Mr Bassey Ekamon, also told

*Daily Trust* that the deceased's husband is a preacher.

He said: "He is the main culprit because even before they were married on 17th November last year, the church had to stop contracting the marriage because of his occult activities, but later on, they got married. He has finally killed her and left the compound empty. It took the police three hours before they removed the rope she was tied with. We saw blood dropping from the parlour to the inner room which showed she was overpowered before they finally tied her down."