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Nigeria: Suspected Ritualist Murders Prostitute At Mabushi

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A call girl, who stays in a slum at Mabushi was on Tuesday morning discovered dead by her neighbours.

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Mercy alias Asa, was said to have entered her room with a male visitor the previous night and never left the room alive as her private part was cut off, while one of her breast was injured.

A neighbour of the deceased, Kate, recalled that Asa, who hails from Akwa Ibom, told her neighbours at around 7 pm Monday that she has an important politician visitor and does not want to be disturbed.

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"She said the man was loaded with cash and no one may see her until the following morning," Kate said.

The neighbour said she overheard both of them laugh at 10 pm, adding that at 8 am when Mercy did not come out, she knocked on her door and

did not receive a response.

"I called on other residents in the area and some decided to force the door open, where we discovered her corpse stained with blood," she stated.

Our reporter saw a female relation of the deceased packing the victim's property into a pickup van at 10 am yesterday.

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The woman, who was wailing, said she warned Mercy to stop prostitution but she refused because she wanted an easy life style.

"She was a student in Nasarawa University but had to leave school because of bad friends and see how she has ended her life," the woman said.

The relations also disclosed that the victim's mother is a widow.

When contacted over the report, Utako Divisional Police Officer, Olugbunmi Ogedengbe, a chief superintendent, declined to comment and directed our reporter to FCT Police Command.

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