

Carpenter butchers pregnant wife

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BIZARRE, frenzy, a b o m i n a t i o n , inhumanity, and confusion were all the language at Umuntu village, Olokoro community in Umuahia South LGA of Abia state, mid week, when a carpenter aged 40, hacked his 32 year old pregnant wife and mother of four to death.

Both couple who hailed from Ngwa land were said to be living like cat and dog since the eight year old marriage and had often separated but quickly made it up again.

Although the cause of the incident was still sketchy as at the time of filling this report, rumour has it that the man had always accused the wife of having affair with other men, an allegation the late wife was said to have flatly denied.

According to an eye witness account, the animalistic husband had sent his seven year old son to fetch the wife popularly known as Nwayi Ngwa, a tailor who also smoked maize and yam along the Olokoro High School road, before later calling her on

phone, apparently to trick the innocent boy out of the house before carrying out his wicked act.

Meanwhile, the unsuspecting woman had left her other three kids including a 15 month old baby, as well as her wares in the hands of her neighbours just to answer the husband, a mission she least suspected she would never leave to tell.

The man had also perfected the timing of the action as our source said that other occupants of the house had all left for the day's activities when the incident took place around 9 a.m.

Our source further said that the first son of the woman who had been sent by the father to fetch her, met with her on the way with the woman instructing him to hurry to the shop and look after his younger ones without the lad knowing it was the final instruction from a beloved mother who was also hurrying to her untimely grave dug by a wicked husband.

However, a boy in the neighbourhood who said he saw the woman enter the house told residents

that when she entered the passage, the man who was hiding behind the door came from behind and grabbed her before dragging her into their bed room where she was butchered with already sharpened machete.

The boy had also reportedly said that he saw the man escape through a bush path behind the house, holding a machete after the crime.

According to our source, the incident was discovered when the woman's neighbours could no longer attend to both the four kids and her numerous customers, as they sent the first son back home to find out why their mother was long in coming.

Back home, it was a gory sight as the boy saw his mother stone dead lying at a corner of their bedroom in the pool of her blood with machete cuts all over the head and neck regions while the wrist was severed from the elbow.

The rattled boy's alarm upon the discovery of the strange sight attracted neighbours who immediately alerted the

police for a man haunt of the killer husband who is yet to be apprehended as he was said to have disappeared into the bush.

Meanwhile, the woman's corpse has been deposited in the mortuary at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Umuahia.

The incident has been confirmed by a police source who said that investigations were on to ascertain the cause of the dastardly act, adding that efforts are being intensified to pick up the culprit first.

Daily Champion reports that Olokoro community has been in the news in the recent times as a Civil Defense Officer from the area had penultimate week, allegedly with about 13 of his colleagues beaten his elder brother to stupor over a family dispute.

The brother, a school principal, later slumped and died at school as a result of the heavy beating he received from the mindless officers who are now at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Umuahia, telling the police all they know about the incident.