

# Triplets dumped in a dust bin in Owerri

**R**ESIDENTS of Owerri in Imo State were shocked at the weekend when they woke up yesterday to find a set of day-old triplets carefully wrapped in rubber bag and left in a dust bin in Orji, near the state capital by an unknown person.

In less than four months, the city of Owerri has recorded similar incidents in three places. The culprits are yet to be identified.

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The latest dump involved two boys and a girl.

Police authorities confirmed the incident.

A man who lives in the area where the babies were dumped, who spoke to *The Guardian*, said he heard about the incident when an alarm was raised by those

who found the kids.

The man, who simply identified himself as John, said authorities were quickly contacted by passersby on sighting the children.

"It is incredible that such a thing could happen. There is nothing human beings cannot do these days. We woke up when we heard from some people near our house about the dumping of two boys and

a girl. Shouting and lamentation attracted our attention to it", he said.

Radio stations in the state have been making the announcement since the triplets were discovered.

Last year, a little child of about four months was found at the gate of a priest crying. Her mother is yet to be seen. The priest later sent the child to the Red Cross' Motherless Babies Home in Owerri, after medication.