

# Police arraign couple for allegedly using pestle to kill girl

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## • Man nabbed, accused of raping two underage daughters

A Chief Magistrates' Court in Ebute Meta, Lagos State yesterday ordered that a couple who allegedly used a pestle to kill a 13-year-old girl who was kept in their care be remanded in prison custody. The police charged Obinna, aged 33 and Chinenye Ezenwaka, aged 29, with two counts of conspiracy and culpable homicide.

Earlier, Insp. Chinalu Uwadiene, told the court that the defendants committed the offence on January 16, at about 8:20p.m., in Ojo area of Lagos. According to the police officer, the couple hit the victim in the head in a fit of rage.

The offence, he said, contravened the provision

of sections 223 and 233 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Chief Magistrate Adeola Adedayo did not take the plea of the couple, but remanded them in Ikoyi and Kirikiri Custodial Centre pending legal advice from the state Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). She adjourned the case until February 26.

Meanwhile, policemen have arrested a 40-year old man, Terry Ikechukwu Iheme for allegedly sleeping with his two underage daughters in Ikorodu

area Lagos. The incident happened at Igbo-olomu area of Agric in Ikorodu, where he resides.

The suspect, Iheme, a senior driver with a construction company, was accused of having carnal knowledge of his children. The matter was reported to the police at Owutu Police Division. The DPO, CSP Margaret Okonkwo, ordered his arrest in order to be investigated for the alleged offence.

He was arrested in church on Sunday, January 12. After interrogation, the

police found him culpable and charged him before the Ikorodu Magistrate Court 1, Ita Elewa, for defilement, which attracts life imprisonment if he is tried and found guilty.

However, his plea was not taken after the prosecutor, Inspector John, asked the court to refer the matter to the DPP for advice because the victims were still minors and the offence was capital in nature.

The Presiding Magistrate, Mrs. FA. Afeez, ordered the defendant to be remanded in prison custody without

an option of bail, while she directed the prosecutor to duplicate the file and send

to the DPP for advice. The matter was adjourned till February 19.



## Kwara community worried about influx of snakes

By Mary Abazuo

RESIDENTS of Igbo-emun, Moro local government area of Kwara State have ex-

third that was killed between last weekend and Monday night. Ailonu, who

The snake was killed by the state special task force on environmental team who

terious snake bit a 49-year-old schoolteacher and mother of three, Mrs. Mary

covered the deceased had been bitten by the snake, but unfortunately, the hos-