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Hoodlums rape, kill 24-year-old girl in Benue

From Joseph Wantu, Makurdi

UNKNOWN hoodlums, on Wednesday, allegedly raped and murdered a 24 years old graduate of Benue State University, Miss Joy Onoh at the North Bank area of Benue State.

The Guardian learnt that the incident has thrown the family of late Onoh Ogwochukwu into mourning.

The deceased was living with her mother, Mrs. Grace Onoh, off Adikpo Street, behind Benue State Nigeria Union of Journalists' (NUJ), secretariat, Makurdi.

The victim, a graduate of Mass Communication,

was awaiting a call up letter from the National Youth Service Corps, (NYSC) before her death.

Narrating the ordeal to newsmen, yesterday, Mrs. Onoh, a widow with three children and native of Obollo Afor, in Enugu State said, her daughter left home on Tuesday to deliver a turtleneck cloth to some persons at Federal Housing, North Bank.

She said: "My daughter left the house about 4:50p.m. and never returned. I made frantic efforts to call her phone but someone busied it. Her sister, Cynthia called

and this time, it went through, but she cried, asking her sister to send her bank details.

"I reported the matter to the Police that night but they asked me to come back the next day. The next day, they told me to wait 24 hours only to hear by 5:00p.m. that her body was found at Federal Low cost housing in the North Bank area of the state.

Confirming the incident, Benue State Police Public Relations' Officer, DSP Catherine Anene, said, a case of a missing person was reported to the police and a search was conducted.

Anene stated that on October 20, her corpse was discovered about 7:00a.m. in a bush at the Federal Low Cost housing.

"She was called to deliv-

er goods at Federal Low cost housing. North Bank, Makurdi and we later discovered her corpse in a bush. "Investigation is ongoing to ascertain the cause of

her death," she added. Anene refrained from making further comments until the result of the autopsy is out to ascertain how she was killed.

22-year-old man tortured to death in Ogun

By Gbenga Akinfenwa

A 22-year-old man, Tunji George has been reportedly tortured to death for alleged phone theft in Iyana-Iyesi area, Sango-Ota, in Ado/Ota Local Area of Ogun State.

The victim was accused of stealing an iPhone 6 at Keke Hotel, Iyana-Iyesi on Wednesday, as a result of which, he was tied with a rope in the hotel and tortured by three men namely, Felix Sunday, Shomuye Musa and Oluwatobi Michael.

Sources said when they realised that their victim was about to give up the ghost, they quickly rushed him to a hospital, but before they got to the hospital, the victim has passed on.

Ogun State Police Public

Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, who confirmed the incident in a statement, said the suspects have been arrested.

He said: "The suspects were arrested, following a report by one Bola George, who reported at Onipanu Divisional Headquarters that her brother was alleged to have stolen an iPhone 6 at Keke hotel.

"Upon the report, the DPO Onipanu division, CSP Bamidele job, mobilised his men and moved to the scene, where two of the suspects were apprehended, while the third person was arrested in the hotel where the did was done."

He said on interrogation, the suspects informed the police that they strongly suspected the deceased as the person who stole the iPhone

6, and to recover the said phone from him, they decided to torture him, not knowing that it would result to his death.

"The corpse of the victim has been deposited at the General Hospital mortuary, Ota for autopsy.

"Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspects to the homicide section of the state criminal investigation and intelligence department for further investigation and diligent prosecution.

"He also warned that the command under his leadership will not tolerate any form of jungle justice and whoever engaged in such act, no matter his status or position, would not be spared from punishment under the law," Oyeyemi informed.

