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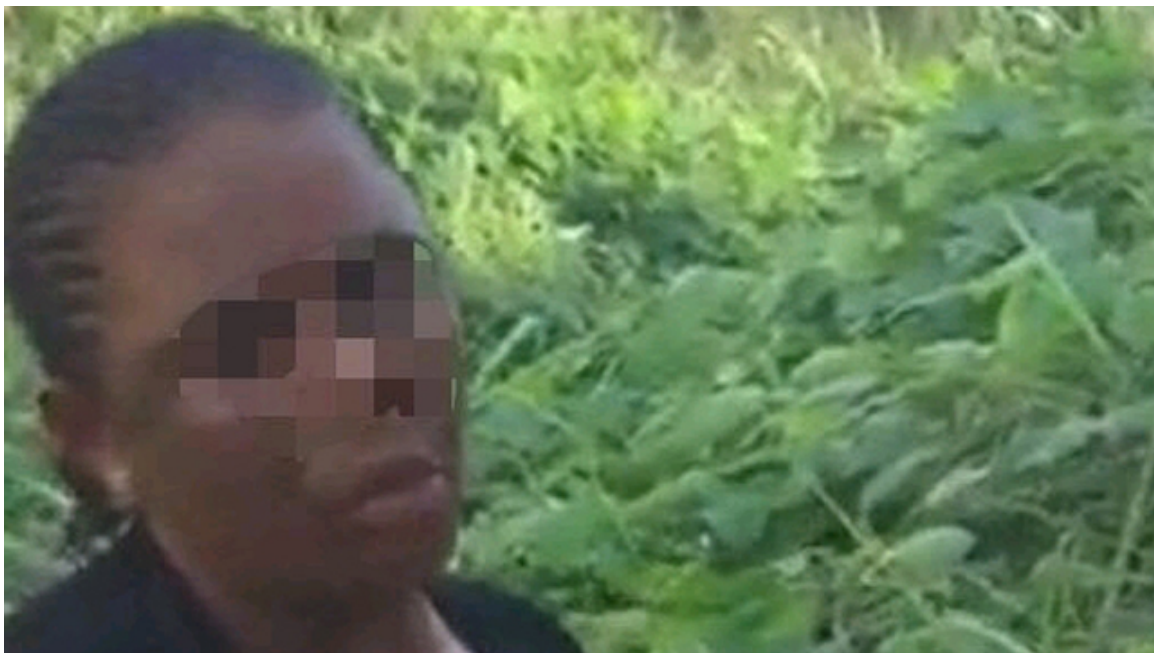
# NAPTIP arrests 37-year-old woman for death of her three-year-old grand daughter

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Anambra State Command of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), has arrested a 37-year-old woman, Udeogu Chinelo, for allegedly flogging her three-year-old granddaughter to death.

NAPTIP's Public Relations Officer, Okafor Anthony, in a statement, yesterday, said the suspect hails from Enugwu-Ukwu but married in Nibo, Awka South Local Council of the state.



*The suspect*

He said Chinelo was arrested in a Primary School in Awka, where she had earlier

enrolled the deceased, Ifechukwu and had gone to ask for a refund of the school fees she paid for her.

He also disclosed that the deceased had reportedly suffered convulsion after she was flogged by the suspect, who claimed to have rushed her to the hospital where she died, adding that the victim reportedly died on September 29, 2022.

He said: “NAPTIP Anambra State Command arrested a 37-year- old female suspect in Awka on October 5 for the offence of child abuse/inflicting grievous harm on a child, an offence prohibited in the human trafficking Act.

“While being questioned on the whereabouts of the victim, she disclosed that the victim had died. The suspect led NAPTIP operatives to the scene where she disposed of the body of the victim.

“On arriving at the scene, the victim’s decomposing body was found wrapped in a black nylon bag where the suspect dumped her in the bush around Hezekiah Dike Crescent Awka.

“The suspect was immediately handed over to the Police by NAPTIP Anambra State Command to investigate the death of the victim.”

Contacted, the state’s Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ikenga Tochukwu, said the matter has been transferred to State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) for discrete investigation.

“On the incident about a woman, Chinelo Udogu, who allegedly flogged a three-year-old child to death and dumped her body in a bush at Amikwo, Awka, she has been arrested and the victim’s body recovered.

“The lesson for us is that we should be cautious when angry and desist from going physical when correcting our children,” he added.

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