

3 Cross River: 49-year-old man nabbed for killing girl friend's niece

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CROSS River State Police Command has nabbed 49-year-old Eyo Etim, who allegedly kidnapped and killed his girl friend's niece, one Miss Harmony Edemawan in Atim Asam Community near Iban Amanso Effiom Residential layout in Akpabuyo Local Council of the state.

The community was terrified when vigilant boys conducted a search round the culprit's compound, saw blood stains on the ground and invited the police who ordered that the septic tank be opened.

The suspect, alleged to be a serial killer had carefully sealed back the septic tank and covered it with sand by the time the police team ar-

•Police recover lady's corpse from septic tank

rived his home.

He claimed that the septic tank was emptied last Saturday, but the youths insisted on opening it and upon doing that the lifeless body of the deceased was found.

The Anti Cultism and Kidnapping Squad (ACKS), a tactical Unit of the Cross River State Police Command (The Dragon Squad) made the discovery.

It was further gathered that three similar foams were found in the suspects compound which is believed he might have killed some other persons and dumped their bodies in a similar circumstance.

Leader of the Dragon squad,



IGP, Alkali

a Superintendent of Police (SP) Ogini Chukwuma swung into action based on a report of the kidnap of the victim from her residence on

December 22, at Atim Asam Community.

Dragon Squad arrested the suspect, who allegedly abducted the victim, killed her, wrapped the body in a foam and dumped her corpse inside a septic tank on December 22.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sule Balarabe, who confirmed the incident said the suspect is in custody. He said: "The suspect had earlier given false information that the victim sold his property amounting to about N9 million and didn't want to remit same amount to him. So he contacted some persons to abduct her in a bid to recover the money, she was

killed and dumped inside the septic tank.

"We have recovered her body from the septic tank and deposited same at the Mortuary and further investigation is ongoing to unravel the mystery and also arrest other accomplices involved.

"However further investigation revealed that the suspect borrowed about N1.2 million from the victim. He is said to be dating her niece (Ruth Edem, 22), a 200 level student of University of Calabar (UNICAL).

Family sources said the deceased, a Lafarge staff member and the bread winner of her family, only wanted to help the suspect by giving

him some money to boost his palm oil business earlier this year and "our sister gave him the money in tranches and it's about N1.2 million earlier this year.

"It's about a year and our sister needed to return the money to where she got it because it was not her own, but the suspect refused. Instead, he turned the whole thing around claiming he gave our sister a house document to sell and our sister absconded with the proceeds of N9 million.

"I last saw my sister on Wednesday, 21st December, then on Thursday we spoke on phone but she told me she was in the bathroom promising to call back but I never heard from her again," the family source added.

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