

# Anambra man narrates how he strangled his pregnant wife to death

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**A**SUSPECT, Ikechukwu Obiora, has explained why he strangled his wife, Ebere Obiora, to death in Ezi-Ogwugwu, Otolu Nnewi, in Nnewi North Local Council of Anambra State.

Obiora, who is currently in police custody, admitted that he committed the offence, and blamed the action on domestic violence.

In his confessional statement to his shock stricken in-laws, Obiora said, when he returned home in the morning of March 2, 2023, and was knocking at the gate, his wife did not open immediately.

According to him, he was angry and started shouting at her. "I first slapped and hit her from the gate to the house before I angrily grabbed her on the neck and strangled her to death.

"I couldn't believe what happened because I never expected that such action would lead to her death. "I eventually abandoned the corpse and left out of fear and confusion, after confiding in few persons of whom I sought advice on what to

do.

"It was later in the evening that my mother reached out to my wife's family members," he added.

The Guardian gathered that the couple got married last year August, and was expecting their first baby before the incident happened.

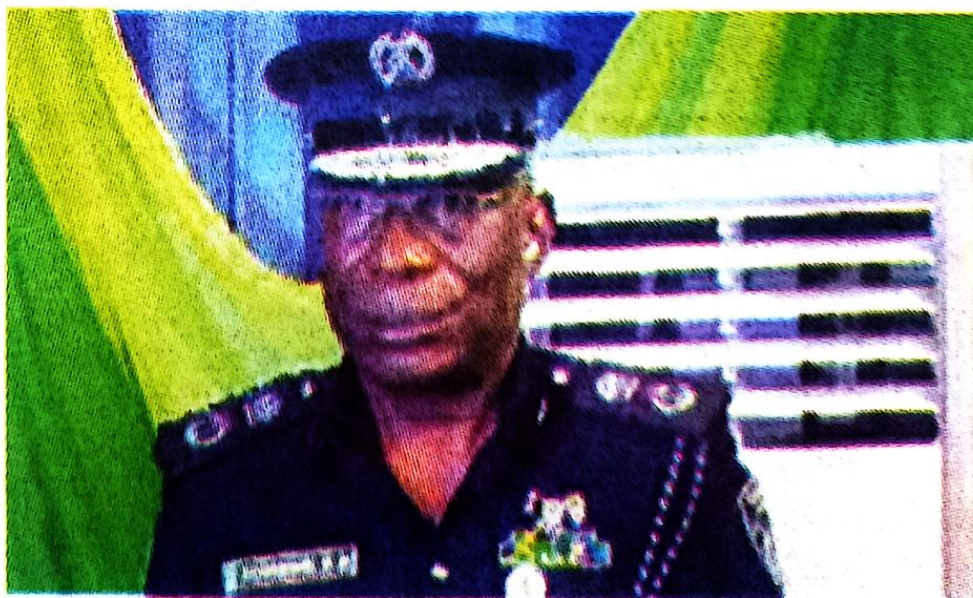
It was also gathered that the couple was involved in periodic domestic violence and family issues.

A source close to the family, also said: "At about 7:00p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023, the late wife's family received a call from the husband's mother, informing them that their daughter had just slumped and appeared to be dead.

"As soon as they made their way to their in-law's residence at Ezi-Ogwugwu, they were informed that their daughter had been rushed to Nnewi Diocesan Hospital at Akwudo.

"The doctor on duty at the hospital informed them that their daughter was dead after examining her body," the source added.

Contacted, spokesperson for Anambra State Police Command, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Tochukwu Ikenga, could not confirm the incident, but a senior police officer at the Command said the suspect would be charged to court after conclusion of investigations.



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