

Man nabbed for allegedly killing daughter for money ritual

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OPERATIVES of the Edo State Security Network (ESSN) have arrested a middle-aged man for killing his daughter and burying her body in a shallow grave in Uteh community, Ikpoba-Okha Local Council of the state.

It was alleged that the suspect, Emmanuel Ovwarueso, killed the daughter for a money ritual.

Popularly known by his alias, Emma One, Ovwarueso has confessed the crime to the operatives who apprehended him at the Uteh area of Upper Mission Road Extension, a suburb where he resides with his family.

His wife, whose name could not be

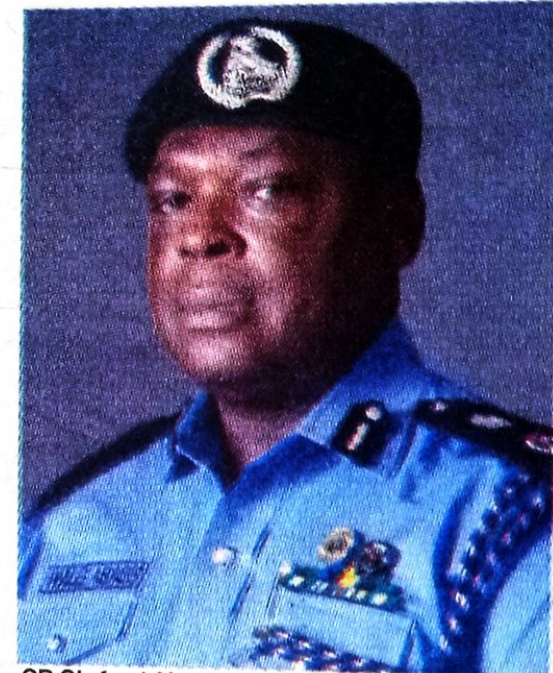
ascertained at press time, was quoted as saying: "My husband's attitude changed recently. He kept saying I should not look at him like a poor man anymore. Even at his place of work, he was buying drinks for everyone, as if he was celebrating. His co-workers were surprised at his new spending style. He told them that his money was very near. We never knew he had such a dangerous plan."

A vigilante member, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "We saw him on Thursday night with a bag, walking so fast, like he was rushing to catch a flight. We stopped him, but he resisted. We asked what was in the bag. He said it was his

food. So, we searched the bag and found a human head in it.

"We interrogated him. From the way he talked, it was obvious he was hiding something. So, we took him to his house. We saw his wife tied up. We untied her and asked who tied her up. She said it was her husband. She told us that her husband tied her with a rope before killing their daughter. He took us to the place where he buried the little girl's body in a shallow grave. The body was exhumed immediately."

When contacted, the spokesperson for Edo State Police Command, SP Chidi Nwabuzor, said: "I am not aware. I will find out, and when I do, I will get back to you."



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