

Police arrest suspect over murder, mutilation of pregnant nurse's body in Anambra

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The Commissioner of Police in Anambra State, Ikioye Orutugu

• Recover suspected human parts at the native doctor's shrine

The police in Anambra State have arrested a suspect in connection with the murder and mutilation of a pregnant nurse's body in Anambra State. Also, items suspected to be human body parts were recovered at a native doctor's shrine.

The suspect, identified as Somtochukwu Nwafor, 24, was taken into custody for the crime in Ogbunike, Oyi Local Council of the state. The police are searching for the prime suspect and other accomplices.

Spokesperson for the police command, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, in a statement, yesterday, confirmed the arrest and recovery of human parts at the shrine.

According to him, the lifeless body of the nurse was discovered in a soakaway in Ogbunike. During interrogation, Nwafor confessed to being the girlfriend of the prime suspect, Chiemerie Obika Elobisi, now at large. She revealed details of how they sold body parts to various native doctors in the area.

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Further investigation revealed that the victim, a trained nurse, was lured to the suspect's house under the pretext of seeking medical treatment.

“Given the information from the suspect, operatives of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), in the early hours of July 29, 2025, burst a shrine of an identified native doctor, Nwafor Oforwatadile from Itima Amawa Village, Ogbunike, and recovered suspected human body parts, concealed in cellophane bags.

“The command is on a manhunt for the prime suspect, and other collaborators,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police (CP), Ikioye Orutugu, condemned the heinous act, describing it as “inhumane, criminal and an affront to public morality and the sanctity of life.” Amid investigation, he urged anyone with useful information to come forward, assuring that informants would be protected.