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The corpse of Mr. George White was, however, removed from the living room by the police and taken to the Sango General Hospital mortuary for autopsy.

Victor, pretending to be nursing a gunshot wound, it was alleged, was rushed to Royan Hospital, Ojodu, for treatment.

In a bid to establish the veracity of multiple assassinations, *Daily Independent* reliably learnt that the family of Oyekanmi visited Victor in hospital where he narrated his ordeal.

But not convinced, the Oyekanmi family expressed doubt and wondered why detectives at Ajuwon station did not arrest Solomon and Victor, and instead allowed them to walk the streets free.

The family alleged that the investigating police officer (IPO) a woman, demanded some money, which it refused to offer, before she could arrest Solomon and Victor and this dragged on for a while until they parted with N5,000 allegedly paid by one of the younger brothers of Vivian.

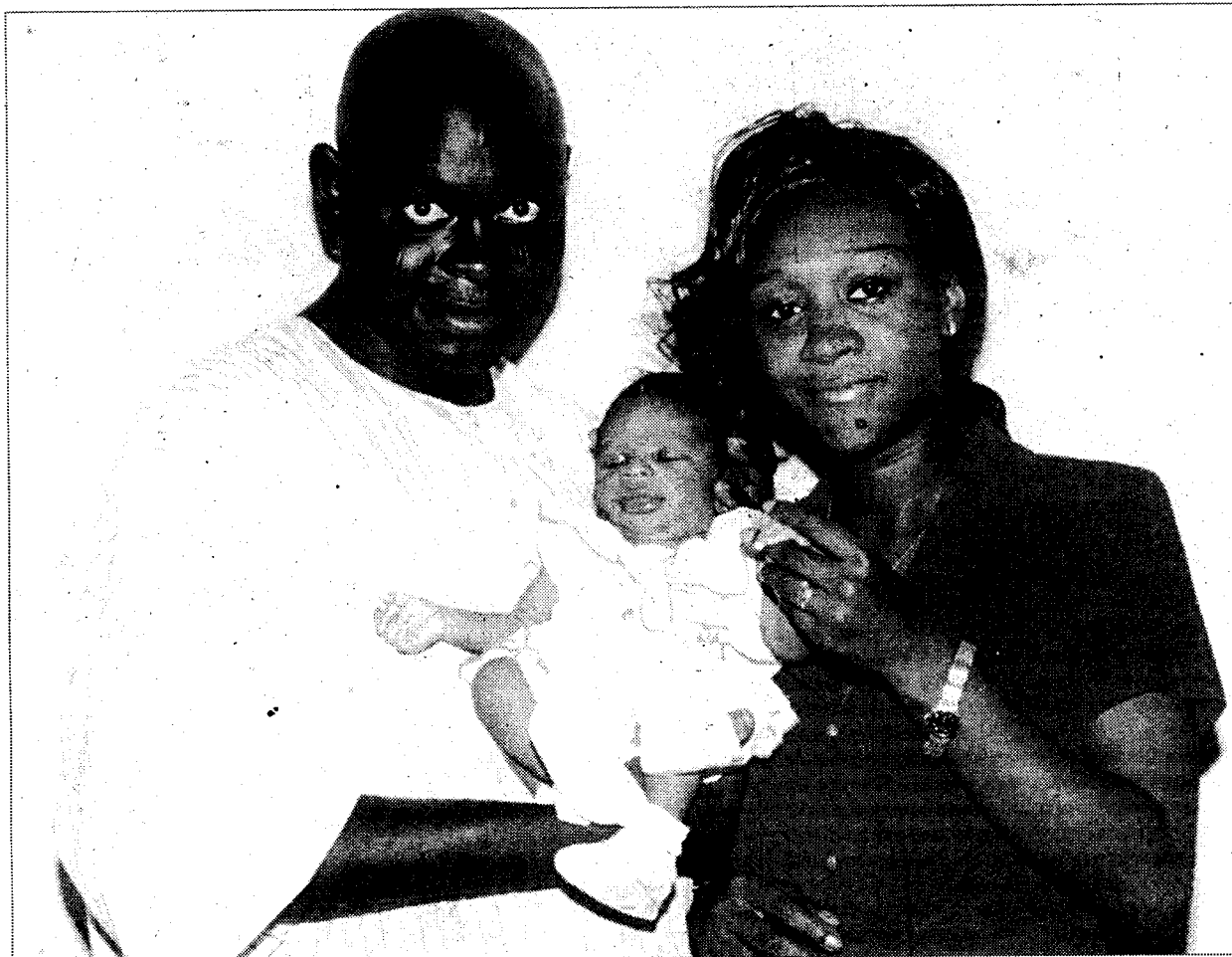
After much persuasion, Solomon and Victor were arrested, because the family believed it was the fake \$100 Solomon sold to Vivian that caused her death and that of her daughter, Teniola.

The family claimed that Solomon had pledged to refund Vivian a new and genuine \$100 note before the nightfall on Thursday the very day she was attacked and killed with her daughter.

The police arrested Solomon on Saturday, February 10, 2007, and released him few hours later after the Oyekanmis had left the station.

Not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation, and the slow pace of police work, Mr. Philips Obinna, father of the late Vivian

# Unknown Gunmen Kill Woman, Daughter (2)



•Oyekanmi with Vivian and little Teniola

came from Owerri, Imo State capital, to Ajuwon in Ogun State over the matter.

He conferred with the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), and the DPO promised to look into the matter. And before Pa Obinna left the DPO's office, the Chief Superintendent of Police had requested for the case file, which he went through and immediately ordered the re-arrest of Solomon.

The story turned out the same despite the DPO's intervention. However, the insistence of Vivian's family for Victor's arrest was not heeded.

Thereafter, whenever the family visited the Ajuwon station, the IPO always advised it to exercise patience, as investigation was still ongoing in the matter.

"Anytime you want Victor, he would be made available. But now, you can't see him, as he is receiving treatment at a hospital," said the female IPO.

And reasons adduced for shielding Victor, sources hinted, was an assassination attempt on his life, which made the Momoh family in connivance with the police to move him out of Royan Hospital to an undisclosed hospital for treatment of the gunshot wound he sustained.

And when they were convinced they could not obtain justice from police investigations, the Obinna and Oyekanmi families allegedly requested that the matter be transferred to Zone 2 Command Headquarters of the Nigeria Police Force, Onikan, Lagos, for further investigation.

Prior to the transfer, sources hinted that Pa Philips Obinna had personally visited Zone 2 Command, Onikan, to confer with Mr. Israel Ajao, Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) in charge.

Having gone through the case file, it was alleged that AIG Ajao expressed disappointment at how the matter was allowed to drag on without any headway, particularly the inability to pick up the prime suspects.

As a result, the AIG was said to have summoned the Area Commander in charge of Sango Command to Onikan, Lagos office, where Ajao scheduled an appointment with him and the family of the deceased on Monday, February 19, 2007.

*Daily Independent* learnt that the Area Commander expressed dismay over the poor performance of his men at Ajuwon station, and invited detectives handling the matter at the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Elewe-Eran, Abeokuta, Ogun State Command Headquarters to his Sango office, where he demanded for the case.

And when the Area Commander stumbled on the name of a female suspect, Patience Otoide, allegedly mentioned in connection the murder,

but was yet to be picked up, he ordered the immediate arrest of the woman.

The suspect, who claimed that Vivian threatened her during a minor quarrel few months ago, was arrested.

Also, Solomon and two others, who went to visit Victor at an undisclosed clinic, were arrested.

Meanwhile, the Medical Director of Royan Hospital, Ojodu, has been penciled down for arrest for discharging Victor without clearance from the police.

Discreet investigation later revealed that the Royan Hospital, Ojodu, where Victor was rushed to in the wake of the gunshot attack, is the same hospital the Momoh family patronises.

The said Victor is now at large

and is believed to have fled to Fugba, Edo State, to hole up.

Meanwhile, Vivian Oyekanmi and her daughter, Teniola, had been buried at Victoria Garden Cemetery (VGC), Ajah, Lagos.

Funeral service was held in memory of the victims at Ajah on Saturday, February 17, 2007, with a commendation service at Christ Embassy Church followed by interment the same day and venue.

Breadwinner of the family, Mr. Remi Oyekanmi, who hails from Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State, has returned from his United Kingdom base, where he was doing his post-graduate in pharmacy, when he heard that his wife and daughter had been murdered.

He was alleged to have paid about N700,000 for the burial of his beloved daughter and wife, who was survived by a, Seyitan, her three-year-old second daughter.

The late Vivian, who was the first child of a family of five, was born to the family of Mr. Philips and Mrs. Lauretta Obinna from Amaigbo, Nwangele Local Government Area of Imo State.

She attended Imo State University, Okigwe, where she studied French and German Languages and subsequently did her mandatory one year service at Ado-Ekiti (in former Ondo) now Ekiti State capital.

While on her usual visit to Lagos, where she spent her vacations at Aunt Mary's place, Creek Road, Apapa, she met Remi Oyekanmi, an indigene of Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State, and the relationship soared. They wedded few years later.

When leaving the shores of Nigeria to further his education in the United Kingdom, Remi made his wife the head of Blessing Nursery/Primary School, located at No. 17/19, Oshundeyi Street, Mafoluku, Oshodi, Lagos, where she presided over operations of the private school, which allegedly belonged to her father-in-law, and money accruing from it was used to take care of the family.

However, the Ogun State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Mr. Femi Awoyale, confirmed the incident.

According to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, homicide operatives have been working round the clock and vowed that one of the prime suspects, Victor, would soon be picked up.



•The late Vivian



•The late Teniola