

# Valentine Tragedy: Man Kills Lover, Dumps Body In Cemetery

• *2 Die In Front Of PH Hotel*

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A middle-aged man has allegedly killed his girlfriend on Tuesday in Lagos after a disagreement over

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how they would celebrate the Valentine's Day. He later dumped her corpse in a private cemetery.

Meanwhile, an alleged love affair in a Port Harcourt brothel turned sour when two men were feared dead after reportedly patronising commercial sex workers in the early hours of Friday.

Residents of Rumukwurushi and passers-by were shocked by the gory sight of the young men whose bodies lay in the gutter opposite the brothel, just before the Rumukwurushi junction.

The Lagos tragedy occurred at Dada Arejogbo Street in Iju area, Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government.

*Saturday Independent* learnt that

the girl, only identified as Anna, had on the fateful visited her boyfriend, Emmanuel Obi, at his residence in Ishaga area of Iju.

According to reports, the girl had requested to know from her boyfriend how they would celebrate the Valentine when the man accused her of flirting with other men.

This degenerated into a heated argument during which the man gave her the beating of her life.

A witness said the man later used the girl's shoe to hit her, which caused a very deep cut on her head. As blood flowed uncontrollable from her wounded head, the girl slumped unconscious.

Reports said the man, in company with two male friends, carried the life-

less body of the girl into a car and drove straight to Dada Arejogbo Street where the girl resided with her parents and later dumped her corpse in a private cemetery along the street. The time was 8.30 p.m.

*Saturday Independent* was informed that luck, however, ran out on them as three men caught them in the act and pursued them.

The man and his colleagues abandoned his car and took to their heels. Less than an hour later he returned with about 35 thugs in a bid to recover his car.

Youths in Dada Arejogbo Street immediately mobilised to wade off the intruder, resulting in a fierce battle in which several dangerous weapons like machetes, cudgels and bottles were freely used. More than 30 per-

sons sustained diverse injuries.

*Saturday Independent* learnt that before the police from Red House Police Station, Iju, arrived the scene the warring gangs had fled to escape arrest.

The police hinted that the killer boyfriend is yet to be arrested, noting that they are still trailing him.

Eyewitnesses at the Port Harcourt brothel said the deceased fun seekers may have died after a sex deal with the women who live in that neighbourhood.

But the crowd that gathered around the area on Friday morning to behold the lifeless bodies of the lover boys were not able to ascertain whether they were killed by the prostitutes or whether they died while in the act.

Their bodies were still in the gutter when *Saturday Independent* visited the area on Friday.

It was said that some policemen went to the area in the afternoon, apparently to begin investigations into the matter.

Signals of a sad Valentine's Day started emerging on Thursday when some armed bandits took some parts of the oil city by storm, robbing people along the Ikwerre and Azikiwe Roads during the day.

The thieves used motorbikes to operate. They were said to have gone round some of the banks to monitor those who were making withdrawals in preparation for the Valentine's Day celebrations.

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