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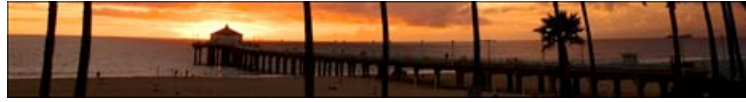
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**Daily Independent (Lagos)****[Nigeria: Man, 65, Kills Wife in Delta](#)**

Sunday Apah

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Ughelli — The remains of Esther being conveyed in the wheelbarrow by her husband, Mr. Victor Ophiawala, at the Ovwian Police Station...recently.

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A 65-year-old bricklayer, Mr. Victor Ophiawhala, residing at Orhuwhoron in Udu Local Government Area, Delta State, allegedly murdered his wife for unknown reasons on May 5, 2010.

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A source at the Ovwian Police Station told journalists that after Ophiawhala strangled the woman to death, he packaged her dead body in a locally made iron rod wheelbarrow, together with waste materials on top of her, disguised as if he wanted to dispose refuse.

But unfortunately for him, a dog ran after him, which barking attracted neighbours who forced him to stop. They later discovered the dead body of the wife inside the wheelbarrow.

The neighbours, however, handed the man over to the Ovwian-Aladja Divisional Police headquarters.

Ophiawhala, who hails from Oneni Quarters of Ewreni community in Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State, said his late wife, Esther, 25, died of epilepsy.

His words: "My wife has been an epileptic patient until her death. We got married two years ago. It was one woman named Omotejowho at Agbarho that gave her to me as wife, but I later found out that the woman was not her mother. She was an orphan whose town I don't know up till this moment.

"When I found out that she was dead in the early hours of today (May 5, 2010) morning, I wanted to go and bury her since she does not have any family, but I was apprehended by youths of the community who brought me to this station."

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When asked why he didn't report the issue to the police before attempting burial, he blamed it on the work of the devil, claiming that he reported the incident to his in-law at Agbarho.

Daily Independent investigation on Esther's corpse revealed that she might have been strangled to death as blood stains were all over her nose.

Police Public Relations Officer, Delta State Police Command, Mr. Charles Muka, when contacted, confirmed the story, saying that Ophiawhala is in the police custody as investigations continue.

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