

Businessman in police net over ritual murder

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A BUSINESSMAN based in Onitsha, Anambra State (names withheld) is now being interrogated at the State Police Command, Criminal Investigation Bureau (SCID) in Awka for allegedly killing his sales girl for ritual purposes.

The victim was simply identified as Chinasa from Okpuje town, Nsukka Local Government Area, Enugu State.

According to inside sources, the businessman, who deals in electrical parts in Owerri Road, Onitsha, and an indigene of Abba town, Njikoka Local Government Area, allegedly committed the act in a hotel at Obosi, Idemili LGA, Anambra State.

The businessman reportedly took the girl to

the hotel about two weeks ago, drugged her and when she became unconscious, strangled her. He then removed vital parts from her body.

It was gathered that relatives of the girl, after searching for her, later discovered her corpse in an undisclosed location.

Our sources who followed the matter from the beginning, disclosed that when the businessman was initially detained at the Obosi Police Station, he confessed to committing the crime and was transferred to the Police Headquarters in Awka.

However, sources close to Chinasa's relations however raised alarm Tuesday, about a plot to set the suspected killer free, alleging that there was a plan to conduct a guided autopsy on the mutilated

body of the deceased today (Wednesday), after which her suspected killer might be granted bail.

Reacting to the development, a moral rearmament group operating in the South-East and Lagos, known as Youth Organization for Empowerment and Exemplary Leadership (YOEEL), described the alleged murder of the girl as a dastardly act against "leaders of tomorrow".

Leader of the group, Ike Onu, also called on the police authorities "not to allow this heinous crime against an innocent sales girl go unpunished".

Onu also called on all well-meaning members of the society to urge the police to do the right thing and not allow corruption blight their sense of judgment in this pathetic case.

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suspects would be charged