

# 23-Year Old Driver Lynched In Awka For Attempting To Defile Girl

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**AWKA-** A 23-year old bus driver who was identified as Samuel, yesterday paid with his life in Awka for allegedly attempting to defile a four year old girl for ritual purposes.

He was lynched by an angry mob who heard the little girl struggling with the man. Eye witnesses said the deceased, from Benue State who was a driver with a private school in the area, had attempted to kill the little girl in her mother's shop while her mother was away.

It was learnt that the mother of the girl, a petty trader, had gone to buy food for her daughter when she was attacked by the suspect.

Her mother, Mrs Ginika Eze, 42, a native of Ihe Alumona in Enugu state alleged that the deceased's mission was to kill her daughter for ritual purposes.

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According to her she had brought her daughter to stay with her in the shop so as to keep an eye on her since her school was on mid-term break.

"When she complained she was hungry and wanted to eat beans with bread for lunch, I went to a nearby shop to buy the items", Eze narrated.

She added; "It was not long when my attention was drawn to my stall where my daughter was struggling with a man almost half naked. He was kissing her and fondling her breast, while muttering, "I must drink your blood."

She said she had to raise alarm as the man was already kissing her all over her face and was about to defile her.

Luckily, according to her, some boys within the area ran to the scene of the incident and started dragging her daughter with him. By then, blood was already dropping from her face as the man held her tight in his arms."

Nevertheless, she was able to retrieve the daughter and rushed her to a hospital for treatment.

Daily Independent learnt that the deceased was shouting for blood and was about to suck the girl's blood before he was lynched.

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The Police public relations officer, Haruna Mohammed who confirmed the story said the deceased was probably under the influence of some hard drugs.

Mohammed said: "He captured the 4-year-old girl and was molesting her sexually before he was arrested by some civilians who carried out jungle justice on him.

"When the police arrived the scene, the boy, who was probably in his late 20s, was lying motionless on the ground while his assailants had dispersed. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was confirmed dead. Investigations are still on to ascertain what transpired and to arrest perpetrators of the crime."

Meanwhile, no arrest has been made so far while the girl was stable and responding to treatment, Mohammed said.



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