## Co-Tenant, Security Man Arrested As Body Of Missing Tenant Exhumed

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**ASABA** – Pandem o n i u m struck yesterday as mutilated body of 36-year-old, Joy Obiageli was exhumed at her residence in Government Residential Area (GRA) Asaba, Delta State.

Saturday INDEPENDENT gathered that the deceased, an indigene of Okwunzo, Aniocha North Local Government Area, Delta State was reported missing by a family member on 22 August, 2020.

Mr. Sunday Onekanse, an uncle to the deceased revealed that he spoke to her two weeks ago when discussing her wedding plans.



According to Sunday, "I called her about two weeks ago and she was talking about her wedding plans. After that, I was unable to reach her. Then I alerted other members of our family to get to her house but all efforts were futile."

Meanwhile, it was gathered that the security man of her residence who was identified as Sunday was arrested on August 26, 2020 with a Toyota Avalon Car belonging to the deceased at Summit Road, Asaba after tips from concerned persons.

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Investigation also revealed that the deceased had on several occasions reported her co-tenant,

Nonso Ekene to the GRA

Police Division, for threatening her life.

Having exhumed the decaying body, Father Emmanuel Ekenga, Priest-in- Charge of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Asaba confirmed the body to be that of his member whom he identified as Joy Obiageli.

"Our major concern is that we were looking for her for a long time. I feel sad but we leave everything for God," he stated.



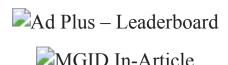


While speaking to pressmen at the site of the incident, Delta State Deputy Commissioner of Operation (DC), Faleye Olaleye narrated that: "On 27 August, 2020, our patrol team intercepted a Black Avalon Car with a man named Sunday but when they stopped him to search him, he could not certify the ownership of the car so he was arrested and handed over to the DPO in GRA.

"He was questioned but he did not give any coherent answer to how he came in possession of the car and was subsequently detained.

"Shortly after, the brother to the deceased walked in to the station to complain that his sister has been missing for the last 10 days. He then recognised and confirmed the vehicle to be for his missing sister.

"Then he was informed that a gentleman was arrested in possession of the vehicle after which he was obliged to see the man whom he identified as the security man of her residence."



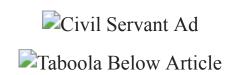
The Deputy Commissioner then revealed that the security man did not confess to the crime till the 3rd August, 2020, when he led the policemen to the compound where the body of the deceased was discovered in a shallow grave.

He disclosed that the Police has also arrested the co-tenant, Nonso Ike, for interrogation as to how the deceased was murdered and buried in the residence.

He, however mentioned that the motive for the murder of the deceased by both men was not yet ascertained as investigation is still ongoing.

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"Both suspects have been arrested and discovered where the corpse was buried and it has been exhumed and take to the mortuary" he said.







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