

Death of family of five traced to fraud

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THERE are indications that the five members of a family who died penultimate weekend in Enugu may have been victims of an attempt to cover up a fraud at the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT), Enugu.

Agatha Aka, the expectant mother of three, was a staff of the Accounts department of the IMT where an ongoing fraud indicted many top officers of the institute. The late Agatha was said to be the only one who could give clue to a clear lead to how the fraud committed and who were the masterminds, it was learnt of a family.

Although, the police were reluctant to confirm the latest revelation, sources at the Ntasi Obi Ndi No Nafufu hospital did not rule out gas effluents as the cause of the deaths. It was being speculated that the family was likely saying its prayers when the agents of death knocked.

Rosaries were found where the body laid; the late Mrs Aka's younger sister, Onyinyechi Ugwu, a youth corps member, who visited to spend the weekend with the family, was found dead, clutching her rosary.

It was learnt that overtures were made to the late Mrs. Agatha to co-operate in, but she refused.

Some of the members of staff said to have been indicted in the probe have been arrested. They are being interrogated at police headquarters.

Mrs Aka, 28, her two daughters, Mmesoma, 3, and Chinaemerem, 2, and her sister, Miss Ugwu, died mysteriously after their dinner.

They were found dead three days after when neighbours broke in to find what was amiss.

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