

Black Xmas as man beats wife to death

IN Agbor, Delta State this past Xmas, the gift for the family of Orumeka was sorrow, packaged by an in-law. Young and beautiful Hope Orumeka from Uteh-Alohen in Ika North Local Government Area of Agbor, Delta State was beaten by her husband, Friday Ogor, so cruelly that she not only lost her pregnancy, but also her life.

Between December 22 when she was beaten, to December 27 when she finally gave up the ghost, Hope had little hope of living to see the child she has been frantically expecting. Her first son, four year old, also will go into the New Year without a mother.

Such is the havoc that a moment of angst has wrought on the society. The loss will forever be higher for the young son who may, if the court finds his father guilty become an orphan. But that will not be until investigations are concluded and trials commenced.

In the meantime, Friday Ogor, the husband, who took the life of his wife is also not having the best of the festive season. He is now in the safe and secure hands of the police, at the Owa-Oyibu Divisional Police Headquarters, Agbor after having been arrested by the police for the death of his wife.

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Surely, Ogor, Alias Kpakpo, must have heard little or nothing of the campaigns against

violence on women. The man who hails from Uteh-Ibiagwa also in Ika North Local Government Area of Agbor thought little of the fact that his

wife was carrying a six-month old pregnancy. He also never for once felt that the family of the late wife would rise up to ask for justice for their abused daughter.

But now that is what the family wants.

They see Friday as a habitual wife beater who must be made to pay for his crimes. Worse still, they are not happy that a man who has not legitimately taken their daughter as wife could whimsically take her life.

They have since the event kept vigil at the police station where the in-law turn killer is being held.

The police are also not in a hurry. When contacted on phone, the DPO Mr. Stephen Musa said he is not in any position to speak. He however said that the State Command will make the right statement if they see it as expedient to do so. *The Nation* discovered however that the man is still being held and would be transferred to the State CID in Asaba early in the year for further investigation.

One source told *The Nation* that cases like Friday Ogor's are beyond the division and are better handled by the CID.

Mum was also the word from the IPO who declined to make any comment when contacted on phone. All that is obvious is that the wife beater, Friday Ogor is still being detained at the Owa-Oyibu Divisional Police Headquarters in Agbor pending transfer to Asaba in the New Year.



• Hope Orumeka, beaten to death



• Friday Ogor, 'boxed' Hope to death