

Boy found dead in Ekiti well

THE body of a one-year-old boy, Ayomide Ojo, has been found in a well in Ikere-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

The well is behind the boy's home at Agbado Street.

The body was found by a search party on Sunday.

A man, Shomo Owoeye, and his wife have been arrested for Ojo's death and are being held at the Police Headquarters in Ado-Ekiti, the state capital.

Police spokesman Victor Babayemi said the body had been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital in Ikere-Ekiti, adding that an autopsy has begun to ascertain how the boy died.

Babayemi said: "The autopsy became necessary be-

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cause the well in which the boy was dumped was covered with planks, which showed that some people opened the well and dumped the boy there.

"There were signs of violence on the boy's head and no water came out of his mouth when his stomach was pressed after he was brought out of the well. This shows that he was killed before he was dumped in the well."

He said the boy's mother, Mrs. Oredola Olakunboye, said the only person she suspected was Owoeye because "he had been denying being the boy's father".

According to Babayemi, Mrs. Olakunboye, a widow, and Owoeye had an affair and the relationship produced the late Ayomide.

He quoted Mrs. Olakunboye as saying: "I and the man were not married. After my husband's death, he used to come to our house to ask after our health. After sometime, we had a relationship and I got pregnant. I told him, but he said he was not responsible for the pregnancy and said I should terminate it. I did not and since I gave birth to the boy, he had been seeking ways to kill him."

"Yesterday (Sunday), I was doing something outside our house and I went

inside to take something. When I came out, my son was missing."

Also at the weekend, a man was arrested in Ado-Ekiti for allegedly "raping a mentally ill woman."

It was learnt that the incident occurred on Saturday night at an uncompleted building in Ajobamidele.

It was gathered that the suspect, who drives a Mercedes Benz car, had been visiting the woman a night for some time.

He was apprehended by residents.

Babayemi said: "I have not been briefed. I was going out when they brought the case to the headquarters. I will need to get back to the office to know the details."

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