

The Nation learnt that a witness, Ibuodinma Benjinus, had told the court that the suspects

continuation of hearing. The suspects were remanded in prison custody.

## Police arrest drug store operator for alleged murder

THE police in Borno State have arrested a 32-year-old patent medicine store operator, Muhammad Isa, for the death of a 28-year-old woman in Maiduguri, Commissioner Damian Chukwu has alleged.

He told News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Maiduguri yesterday that the woman died at the suspect's home while attempting to abort a pregnancy.

Chukwu alleged that the deceased, accompanied by a female friend, engaged Isa to abort the pregnancy, adding that the suspect administered contraceptive injection on her.

He said the deceased went back alone to the suspect the following morning and complained that the injection had failed to abort the pregnancy.

The commissioner said the suspect gave the deceased another set of drugs and induced drip on her.

"While on drip, the woman went into coma and died. The suspect tried to conceal his crime by inviting his friends to help him dispose the body.

"His friends turned down the request and reported the case to Damboa Road Police Station," he alleged.

Chukwu said preliminary investigation showed that the suspect was neither a qualified pharmacist nor a health worker, adding that he had carried out abortions, using unorthodox methods.

He said the body had been deposited at the Specialist Hospital, Maiduguri.

"Investigation into the case is in progress."