

Unsolved murders: We need information, say Delta police

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THE Delta State police command has emphasised the need for information to be made available to enable its men combat crimes, especially killing of innocent persons in the state.

Speaking on the unresolved murders of some ladies in the state recently, in a conversation with *The Nation*, spokesman Bright Edafe said this is necessary given the inability of operatives to be everywhere at a time.

1 Some of the cases include a 29-year-old lady who was found dead on June 1 in her apartment in Mosogar, Ethiope West council area of the state.

2 Some of her sensitive organs were missing.

The decomposing body of another lady was found in a drainage between Federal Junction and Agbarho Bridge in Okpe local government area of the state, on Wednesday July 21.

The police spokesman said it could not be ascertained if she was murdered as there was "no mark of violence" on her body on discovery.

3 A third case is that of a 50-year-old businesswoman, Patience Komone, who went missing on Tuesday July 27, in Umeh community market, Isoko South local government area.

Her body, with eye and private parts missing, was discovered on Wednesday, August 4, after one of her suspected killers, 25-year-old okada rider, Onoriode Simon, was apprehended by community youths.

Another suspect, Akpoghene Idogo Shoemaker, who reportedly aided Simon in the killing was arrested by a combined team of community leaders, vigilante and police operatives on Friday, August 6.

A third suspect, Lucky Daniel, who contracted the duo and paid the sum of N100,000 for the body parts, is said to be on the run.

4 Yet another case is that of a 13-year-old, Miracle Nwafor, whose body was found mutilated, with her heart and other vital organs missing in Agbor, Ika South local council of the state on Wednesday, May 19.

A pastor, alongside two others, was arrested in connection with the killing of Miracle, by the police.

Edafe said the Command is doing "what we have been doing. But what is paramount now is that we cannot deny the fact that police cannot be everywhere at the same time, so information gathering is very vital.

"It is for members of the public to understand that this is the only country we have and we cannot allow these people (hoodlums) to do whatever they like at will.

"When you get information that these people are planning one or two things, you quickly inform the police. It will help us get these bad eggs out of the society".