

Two dumped newborns die in Abakiliki

POLICE have confirmed the death of two newborns dumped in two locations in Ebonyi.

The Command's Gender Desk Officer, DSP Loveth Okworogbuanya, made the disclosure yesterday while visiting one of the crime scenes in Abakiliki.

Okworogbuanya told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the dumped babies were boys.

She said that the first baby was found at Kpirikpiri Ogbaga Road and the second baby was at Ogbe Hausa, both in Abakiliki metropolis.

"This morning, I received a phone call from Mrs Grace Chima, Chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Ebonyi Chapter, that a baby was dumped.

"At the first scene, people told us that a man riding a motorcycle dropped a sack containing a carton at about midnight.

"One of the babies was clothed, covered with a mackintosh, and abandoned inside a carton.

"We believe that the babies were delivered yesterday and while we were at the first scene, more information got to us that another baby was abandoned elsewhere.

"Officials of the Ministry of Environment, Women Affairs and Social Development, as well as the police, evacuated the bodies and took them to the cemetery for burial," she said.