

27-year-old pastor allegedly kills girlfriend, buries her inside room

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A 27-year-old man, identified as Joseph Fekala, has allegedly murdered his girlfriend, Kate Ogwoh (26), in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

Fekala, said to be a youth pastor in a Pentecostal church in Yenagoa, was said to have strangled Kate to death after which he buried her in a shallow grave in his bedroom.

The sad incident occurred at the Okaka suburb of Yenagoa metropolis yesterday.

It was learnt that the suspect, who has been arrested by the police, allegedly killed Kate over a N50,000 debt he was owing the deceased for clothes she sold to him.

A source, who craved anonymity, said the deceased was a dealer in clothes.

The source said: “She used to sell clothes. The suspect was owing her N50,000 and she went to get the money from him yesterday (Thursday).

“No one heard from her until this (Friday) morning when her mother went looking for her at the man’s house and saw the shallow grave. That was when she raised the alarm.

“Until her death, she was a member of Christ Embassy Church in Yenagoa while Joseph was a youth pastor in a Pentecostal church.

“He is not a ‘Yahoo Boy’ as being speculated in some quarters.”

Spokesman for Bayelsa State Police Command, Asinim Butswat, a Superintendent of Police (SP), confirmed the incident.

Butswat said: “Joseph Fekala, 27, of Ikebiri community, but residing at Okaka, strangled one Kate Ogwoh, female, 26 years to death on July 28, 2022.

“He buried the deceased in a shallow grave in his bedroom.

“The suspect was arrested following a tip off by neighbours on July 29, 2022, at about 0800 hours.

“He is being detained at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID). Investigation is ongoing”