

Three women 'kill mother of twins, sell babies for N3m'

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The Enugu State Police Command has arraigned three women for alleged conspiracy, trafficking of newborn twins and subsequent killing of their mother.

This was contained in a statement by the command's spokesman Daniel Ndukwe.

The statement noted that the suspects; Ukorie Cynthia (25), Onyia Pauline (56) and Aroh Ijeoma (39) were remanded in the Enugu Maximum Correctional Centre on Friday.

The statement added that the trio was arrested by operatives of the command attached to the Central Police Station, Enugu on July 26, 2022 following complaints that the suspects had conspired and sold newborn twins of one 31-year-old Chinenye Odoh.

The statement noted alleged that the suspects did not stop with the selling of the twins, but also murdered their mother by poisoning her food after she realised that the suspects shortchanged her by giving her an amount lesser than the amount they sold her babies.

According to the police Ukorie Cynthia accommodated the deceased in her house till she put to bed on 05/07/2022, while Aroh Ijeoma facilitated the sale of the babies by contacting Onyia Pauline, a nurse, who brought a couple that bought the babies upon their birth at the sum of three million naira (N3,000,000.00).

“Contrary to this sum, Ijeoma informed the deceased and mother of the babies, Chinenye, that the children were sold for two million, three hundred and fifty thousand naira (N2,350,000.00) and thereafter, gave her the sum of one million, eight hundred thousand naira (N1,800,000.00); gave Cynthia and Pauline fifty thousand naira (N50,000.00) each; and kept the remaining proceed to herself.

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“However, when the deceased and mother of the babies eventually found out the exact amount they sold the babies, she demanded for the balance, but was thereafter said to have eaten a suspected poisoned corn given to her by Cynthia, leading to her death”, the statement said.

According to the statement, the case has been adjourned tilll October 5, 2022 for trial.