

Randy pastor in police custody over lover's death in hotel



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The [Abia State](#) Police Command has confirmed the arrest and detention of the General Overseer, Agape Evangelical Ministry, Bishop Timothy Otu, over the death of his married lover, an Evangelist, during allegednsex romp in a hotel at Obingwa, Aba.

A statement yesterday by the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, of the command, Maureen Chinaka, identified the deceased Evangelist as Happiness Echieze.

Echieze, whose husband was said to have gone to his work place in [Bayelsa State](#), had allegedly lodged at an obscure hotel with the suspect, which he frequented, only to be found naked with a foamy substance in her mouth and nose.

It was alleged that the Bishop, upon noticing that the woman had died, fled the hotel around 1am on Sunday under the guise of going to buy food for his partner.

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But unknown to him, the hotel's management found his reason suspicious and alerted the police who came to the premises in plain clothes, opened the door and discovered the dead woman.

The detectives were said to have trailed the bishop to his church, pretending to be new converts and eventually arrested the cleric after his Sunday sermon on repentance.

Confirming his arrest, Chinaka said the bishop had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigation.

She said the deceased had been deposited at a missionary Hospital's morgue located around the Ogbor Hill axis of Aba.

Chinaka said: "On the 13th of August 2023, at approximately 09:30am, Mr. Godwin Akpan (male), residing at Jubilee Guest House in Ovom Village, Obingwa LGA, reported to the Isiala Ngwa Police Division that an incident had occurred.

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"It was revealed that on the evening of the 12th of August 2023, around 09:25pm, a clergyman named Timothy Otu, associated with Agape Evangelical Ministry at Obikabia Junction in Obingwa LGA, had checked into the guest house along with a woman named Happiness Echieze, 43, from Isiala Ngwa LGA, Abia State..."