



14-year-old girl arrested over murder of FUT Minna lecturer • Church demands justice

A 14-YEAR-old girl identified as Joy Afekafe has been arrested over her alleged involvement in the murder of Dr. Mrs. Fumilola Adefolalu, a lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, Federal University of Technology, Minna, last Saturday.

Joy, who confessed to the crime while being paraded at the Bosso Police Station in Minna, Niger State, said she went to the lecturer's home to confront and beat up for sending her packing.

She said she went with two of her classmates, whom she identified as Walex and Smart, adding that while beating her, it dawned on her that the lecturer would report them, hence they decided to kill her.

The suspect, an SS 2 student of Day Secondary School, Gidan Kuka, said Smart and

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Walex first hit the deceased with a stool before stabbing her with knives repeatedly.

"It was Walex who said she would recognise us if we left her alive. So they started stabbing her with the knife we brought. I struggled to take the knife away from them, but Smart entered her kitchen, took another knife and they continued the stabbing.

"They stabbed her in the stomach, hands and legs. She was just shouting 'Jesus, Jesus'. After that, they took her phone and laptop and her car battery before we left the home on the motorcycle we came with," Joy said.

She said she lived with the

deceased for three weeks, adding that the lecturer, who was supposed to sponsor her education, sent her packing because she could no longer bear her misdeeds.

Police spokesman DSP Abiodun Wasiu, parading the suspect, said: "We are on the trail of Joy's friends, Walex and Smart. Investigation is ongoing as the case is being transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigation and prosecution."

The church the deceased lecturer attended, Voice of Mercy Ministry, where she was a pastor, has called on security operatives to ensure everyone involved in the murder is arrested and prosecuted.