

# Expectant mum allegedly kills woman over plantain bunch

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**A**N expectant mother, Esther Godday, has been arrested by the Rivers State Police Command for allegedly stabbing one Mrs. Imeran Idema to death.

Godday, a mother of nine children, allegedly killed Idema for trying to stop her from fleeing with a bunch of plantains she stole from a plantation.

It was gathered that Godday committed the alleged offence on January 28, at Agada village in Abua, Rivers State.

Desperate to get food for her hungry children, Mrs. Godday was said to have sneaked into the plantain plantation belonging to the Idema family.

After successfully cutting off the plantain from its stem, she was said to have been on her way out when Mrs. Imeran Idema, who was keeping watch on the plantation for her family told her to drop the bunch of plantains but Mrs. Godday refused.

She was said to have fled towards another exit but was chased by Idema, who threatened to use the cutlass she had in her hand on Godday if she dared move another step.

An argument soon ensued between them, following which Idema used the machete to stab Godday on her leg to prevent her from running further.

Angered by the development, Godday put down the bunch of plantain and descended on Mrs. Idema.

She allegedly inflicted multiple injuries on her with own machete, leaving the plantains and the bleeding owner inside the plantation.

Sources revealed that it was Idema's scream that attracted other members of her family who immediately took her to the hospital for treatment.

Although she died from the injuries she sustained, Mrs Idema was able to tell her family the person who injured her and what led to it.

A report was filed at the police station and Godday was subsequently arrested.

When the police saw the injury the eight-month pregnant woman had on her leg, she was sent home to go and treat herself and was



•Idema



•Godday

rearrested two days later.

"When she got to the police station, she received the information that Imeran had died.

"Esther, who has been charged to court, expressed her remorse to the police while in custody. "She said she prayed daily, wishing the deed could be undone," a source said.

Reacting to the incident, the Commissioner of Police, Rivers State Command, CP Olatunji Disu, urged people to think carefully before making life choices.

He charged heads of households to procreate within their means and lead responsible lives.

The police boss also highlighted the dangers of responding to emotions, warning that a crime will always be met with justice regardless of the prevailing circumstances.