

Police arrest man, 22, over murder of 2 children

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THE police in Benin City, Edo State, has arrested a young man of about 22, Osaze Enoma for allegedly murdering two children of the same parents at the Evbotubu Quarters in Benin City.

Enoma had allegedly on Saturday last week strangled the two kids to death and thrown their bodies into a well belonging to their father.

Enoma who is a maternal uncle of the late children had been on the run shortly after committing the dastardly act but was later apprehended by the police following a tip-off by a good samaritan.

Speaking with newsmen while being paraded by the police at the headquarters of Edo State Police Command, Benin City, the suspect confessed that he was sent to kill the two children of his sister by his mother, Janet Enoma and a native doctor, Mr. Oscar Osunde.

He disclosed that he was sent by both his mother and the native doctor to kill the two children in order to get cure for his mental illness.

On how he killed them, he confessed that he visited the house of his sister and when she and her husband went to work, he decided to act quickly by send-

ing the eldest son on an errand to pave way for him to carry out the dastardly act.

He said he strangled the two children till they died before throwing their bodies into the well dug by their father.

But his mother, Mrs. Janet Enoma who was paraded along with him and the native doctor, denied sending her son to carry out the murder, saying she had no knowledge of her son's intention to kill the children.

Mrs. Enoma who disclosed that her son had been on treatment at the Uselu Psychiatric Hospital, Benin City following the mental illness he developed some years ago, stated that whatever her son was saying could not be absolutely correct since he had mental illness.

Similarly, the native doctor, Mr. Oscar Osunde denied sending Osaze to murder the two children, noting that he (Osaze) was earlier brought to him for mental treatment for a fee of 11,000 Naira, a service he allegedly rendered by bathing him (Osaze) to cure his insanity.

However, the state police command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Peter Ogboi told newsmen that the police is still investigating the case to ascertain the truth of the matter and thereafter transfer it to the court.