

Horror! 26-year-old man butchers pregnant lover to death...attempts to remove foetus with knife

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KADUNA State Police Command has arrested a 26-year-old, Auwal Mohammed, alleged to have forcefully operated on his eight month pregnant girlfriend with the aim of aborting the pregnancy, an incident that led to her death.

New Nigerian on Sunday investigation revealed that the suspect, with no medical background, was responsible for the pregnancy and that his failure to convince the deceased who was simply identified as Rukayya to terminate the pregnancy made him take such a deadly action of conducting the 'operation' on her.

According to the police, the incident occurred last month at Unguwar Chikaji, Zaria city, and that the two lovers had been together in a strong relationship for years and were said to be neighbours.

The news of the incident threw fear into the minds of the residents of the area, especially parents and young girls because according to them, it was the first time they would witness such a horrific incident in the community.

That made them — including the father of the suspect who was said to be a very respectable scholar in the area and who did not know that his son was the perpetrator of the crime — to embark on massive prayers for God to expose whoever was responsible for her death.

It was gathered that three days of intensive prayers led to the arrest of the suspect who started showing some unusual behaviour that led to

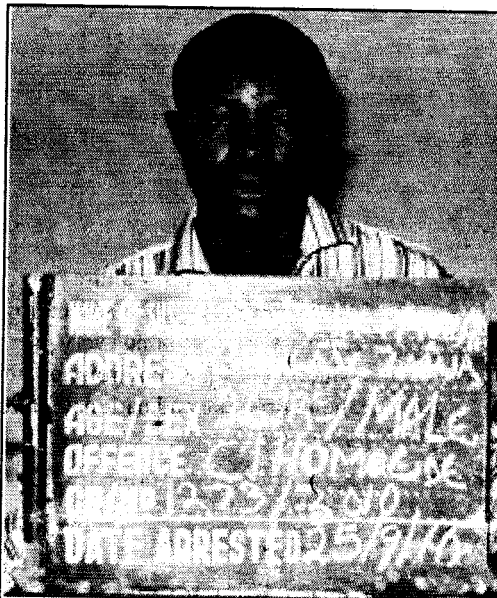
police to arrest him.

Our reporter also discovered that Auwal told the police after his arrest that he became worried and confused ever since she became pregnant and

third time she had been pregnant for him and he would help her terminate the pregnancy without the people knowing. During the first pregnancy, we learnt, he gave

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Suspect



that her refusal to abort the baby made him try to terminate it himself.

"Realizing the gravity of the offence, he was enveloped with fear and so he abandoned her in the pool of her blood. Rukayya's screaming and cry was said to have drawn the attention of passers-by who rushed her to a nearby hospital where doctors successfully removed the dead baby from her womb before she gave up the ghost," a police source told our reporter.

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her Andrews Liver Salt to get rid of the pregnancy. While during the second pregnancy, according to his statement to the police, he did not know how she had a miscarriage.

But when she became pregnant for the third time, he pleaded with her to get rid of the child through abortion but she refused, and so he (Auwal) took her to a noiseless area along Dogarawa to 'operate' on her with a sharp knife.

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mand Public Relation Officer, DSP Aminu Lawan, who confirmed the incident, said the command had already arraigned him to court where he was answering charges of killing the mother and her child, adding that the command was also trying to find out what led to the horrific and ugly incident. He therefore urged parents to always monitor their daughters' movement so as to protect them from falling prey to disgruntled elements.