

Captain Cliff Wilcox, said that a commercial Nissan bus with registration number AP 30 MAP was trailed BY **Operation Burst's** operatives who were patrolling the town, at about 1.45a.m. after a tip-off.

Wilcox said the bus was driven to a petrol station within Ogbomoso metropolis but on sighting the operatives, the occupants ran away.

"We discovered that 59 25-litre kegs had been emptied

will verify if indeed they were sourced from vandalised pipelines," Wilcox said.

During an interview, the arrested manager told journalists that the products were brought to him by a stranger and that he paid N180,000 for 90 kegs, saying that he had hoped to make some gains from the business.

He claimed that he did not know the name of his business partner or his residence, adding that the man just came to his office to tell him that he was into petroleum business.

Man kills wife, attacks son over girlfriend

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THE relaxed ambience of Igarra, headquarters of Akoko Edo Local Government Area of Edo State, was last week thrown into turmoil when it emerged that a retired Warrant Officer of the Nigerian Army (WO2), Shakede Ukana, murdered his wife, Mrs Onyonishoyi Ukana, with a machete and sliced the ear of his son.

Residents of the town said Ukana's decision to kill wife was connected to his plan to marry his long time mistress (name

withheld).

Ukana was said to have attacked the wife in the middle of the night and sliced his body in a manner that was reminiscent of a scene from a horror movie.

It was also gathered that after killing his wife, Ukana put a call through to his mistress that she could now come 'home' since her rival had been 'removed'.

Ukana's neighbours also stated that his 18-year-old son sustained cuts while trying to rescue his mother from his father.

The boy was said to

have been woken up by his mother's cry while struggling for life in the hands of his father and quickly alerted the neighbourhood to the homicide.

It was gathered that the couple had been engulfed in a battle over the husband's plan to marry his mistress, a factor neighbours said regularly created fight between the duo.

A native of Igarra, who said that he knew Ukana very well, however, said that he was not mentally balanced, stating that

"there were occasions he would shout and run helter-skelter unprovoked."

The remains of the body of late Mrs Ukana was later deposited at a private mortuary in Igarra, while the her husband is now cooling his heels at a police station in Igarra.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer, of the Edo State Police Command, Mr Moses Eguavoen, confirmed the incidence, stating that the crime was committed at a place called Ugbagbo in Igarra at about 1a.m. on June 14.

The girl was said to have returned to the bar shortly after, trembling, as she told others: "I don't know what is happening to your brother, *make una come see am*".

At that point, the twin brother and others, including the hotel's authority followed the girl back to the hotel room, only to meet the man, totally naked and on the ground, struggling for air. Evidence that sex took place was also visible as a used condom was reportedly seen on the floor.

The friends quickly took the man to an undisclosed hospital where he reportedly died at about 11.p.m.

The news of the man's death filtered into the hotel and instantly the police who were invited, arrested the girl and the bar man, but they were later released on bail.

Answering **Crime Reports'** questions, the Administration Manager of the hotel who spoke under anonymity said that: "We had to report the matter to the police because we could not remove his things in the chalet since he was a guest here, though he died outside the hotel. Good enough, the girl did not escape when the man was naked on the floor. Probably if she had done that, the man would have died inside the room and that would have put us in trouble."

Confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Lucky Uyabeme, said police investigation was in progress as the command would await the autopsy result.

"We are waiting for the autopsy report to know exactly what killed the man but the corpse has been released to the family", ASP Uyabeme said.

Sometime ago, a top government official in Delta State died in a popular hotel in Asaba while having sex in a hot afternoon with a girl who was to wed her groom same week.

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