

Two-week-old baby dies during parents' fight in Ondo

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A couple, Roseline and Ekene Ijokun, has been arrested by the Ondo State police command for allegedly killing their two-week-old baby during a fight.

The couple, Ekene (40) and Roseline (32), who live at Eleyowo village in Akure North Local Government Area of the state, were engaged in a fight when the baby, strapped to his mother's back, died.

An eyewitness explained that the husband and wife were known for fighting each other, adding that no one could explain how the baby died during the fight.

She said: "The baby was strapped to the back of Rose when her husband, Ekene, started a verbal attack on her before it resulted in a brawl.

"I didn't see it as anything as they usually had such fight and made amends after. But this time, it was the other

way round as the disagreement degenerated into physical combat which eventually claimed the life of the baby.

"The baby was hale and hearty before the incident. I removed the baby from the woman's back and placed him on the bed. That was when I noticed that the baby was lifeless."

She said the baby was rushed to the health centre in the community where he was pronounced dead.

A traditional head of the community, the *Olisa* of Eleyowo, Chief Eso Ojo, described the incident as terrible, adding that such had never occurred in the community.

"Many times, there have been reports on the couple and it is unfortunate it ended this way."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Tee-Leo Ikoro, could, however, not be reached for comments.