

Police speak on lady who murdered lover, stole his car, N3m

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of a lady, one Loretta Anoh, who allegedly murdered his lover, Mr. Chikoka Emeka Henry, in his apartment at 2, Ossongama Estate, Uyo, the Akwa Ibom state capital.

According to a statement by the Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Odiko Macdon, a Superintendent of Police (SP), on behalf of the Commissioner of Police (CP), Mr. Amiengheme Andrew, the alleged culprit was arrested following complaint lodged by the deceased's friend and business associate, one Collins Okpara.

It was gathered that Okpara, upon learning that the

deceased's goods had landed and needed to be cleared, had called him on phone, but there was no response, necessitating his immediate check at his residence which led to the findings, that an assailant had murdered him in the night before and made away with his car, particulars and cash of about N3million.

However, police operatives were said to have swung into action, tracked the car and eventually arrested the suspect at a point she was trying to change ownership of the car to her name and detained her at the 'B' Division, Ewet Housing Police station, Uyo.

According to Macdon, the case had been transferred to the state's Criminal Investigation Department (CID)

"for a discreet investigation", adding that the remains of the 36-year-old, had been deposited at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital (UUTH) for autopsy.

The mortuary statement reads: "Following a complaint by one Collins Okpara, that he contacted the deceased on phone but couldn't get response, he decided to visit him at his home.

"On arrival, he found him lying in the pool of his blood, dead. He further informed the police that his black 4Matic Mercedes Benz with registration number EKY 694 GP, was removed from the car park.

"The report necessitated the CP to order for a prompt investigation. Operatives of

'B' Division in Ewet Housing Estate swiftly took action, removed the corpse, which preliminary investigation examination showed a cut to his head and deposited at the UUTH, for autopsy.

"Operatives painstakingly trailed and arrested the principal suspect, Loretta Anoh, who was last seen entering the apartment of the deceased on August 3, 2021.

"An instant search on the suspect led to the recovery of the sum of N2.9million, which she confessed to have stolen from the victim. The suspect at the point of arrest, was making arrangements to change the ownership of the 4Matic car of the deceased to her personal property."