

Man arrested for throwing daughter into well

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THE Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, has narrated how an undergraduate, Elijah Edofamoni, killed his two-year-old daughter.

Ekpoudom said Edofamoni, who had the baby out of wedlock, went to the residence of his estranged wife at 21, Udumoworie Street, Ekpan and made away with the child while her mother was bathing.

The CP said Edofamoni thereafter took the baby to Ozoro, headquarters of Isoko North Local Government area of the state, and threw her into a well.

Ekpoudom said the bereaved mother, Ms. Lucy Nnamochia, reported the incident to the police.

"The corpse was later brought out of the well by the wicked father and buried in the bush. On the receipt of the full account of the mother, a team of detectives swung into action and got the said Elijah arrested. The suspect later took the detectives, in company with a medical doctor, to where he buried his child. The child was exhumed for autopsy," he added.

Ekpoudom also said that some bandits in a desperate bid to escape arrest, ran into a church and disappeared among the congregation.

He said the bandits had earlier robbed a clergy of a

Mazda 323 marked AJ 657 JRY, at gunpoint on Udu Road, adding that the policemen at a nearby checkpoint pursued them on the strength of report by the clergy.

"The police team intensified its pursuit but when the hoodlums saw the police team, they abandoned the car and ran into a church with a large congregation. When

the abandoned car was recovered and searched, a gun was discovered in it," he added.

Besides, Ekpoudom paraded 16 suspects arrested for various offences in Warri and its environs in February, adding that among them were two suspects who attempted to dupe the owner of a popular eatery in the state.

Gunmen on the loose in Lagos, shoot six

Kunle Adeyemi

IN two separate incidents, some gunmen went berserk in Lagos on Saturday and shot six people. Two of the victims died.

The first incident happened at about 5pm at Elma Beach Estate in Lekki, where a man identified as Sanni Abu was shot in his two legs.

One James, whose surname was not known, and who was said to be from Ilesan village, allegedly shot Abu.

It was not clear what prompted the shooting, but Abu, a mason, was said to be on a land he was to work on when the incident happened.

Our correspondent learnt that the suspect shot Abu because he felt the deceased was trespassing on the land.

Sympathisers rushed Abu to Oluwa Medical Centre in Lekki, but he died shortly after he was admitted to the hospital.

The incident was reported to the police and some policemen who were drafted to the scene arrested James and took him to their station.

Members of the deceased's family have buried him according to Islamic rites and have urged the police to prosecute the suspect.

In the second incident, some unidentified gunmen, at about 9.30pm on the same day, reportedly besieged Agbelekale community in Okeodo and opened fire on the people.

Five persons, including Rasheedat Otutu (f), Olusegun Olorode and Muideen Olarotimi, were hit by bullets.

All the victims were rushed to a hospital but Muideen died later.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed both incidents to our correspondent on Sunday.

He said the police were still on the trail of the gunmen.