

# Congregation shocked as Lord's Chosen pastor's wife killed in Benue

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**S**OME assailants, on Sunday, stabbed a 55-year-old woman, identified as Mrs Eunice Omaye Odoba, to death in Otukpo, Benue State.

The mother of three, whose husband is a pastor of the Lord's Chosen Church but is on faith mission to Equatorial



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Guinea, was said to have been stabbed in the chest.

Her younger brother, Adoba Mac, and cousin, Ude Adole, who spoke to our correspondent on the phone, said her corpse was discovered when members did not see her in church and decided to check on her.

Mac said a family meeting was held in the early hours of Sunday before her gruesome murder.

He stated, "When we finished the family meeting around 6.30am yesterday (Sunday), she said she was rushing to church and I was the one who took her on my motorcycle and dropped her at the junction to her house and we parted.

"Only for me to receive a call from someone, who was working around her house around 3pm that I should rush down to my sister's house.

"On getting there, I saw some of her church members, who I later learnt said that they did not see her in church, which was very unusual, and they decided to check her at home.

"I saw her lying down in a pool of her own blood and discovered that she was stabbed in the topmost part of her breast."

It was gathered that Eunice, who was the proprietress of Verda International School, Otukpo, lived alone, while her children, two boys and a girl, live outside the city.

The brother explained that while the only daughter of the deceased was a student of the School of Nursing, Enugu, one of the male children is a serving youth corps member and the other a banker in Abuja.

Mac added that Eunice's husband left for a faith mission trip to Equatorial Guinea in February this year.

It was gathered that men of Nigeria Police, Otukpo Division, evacuated her body and deposited it in the morgue.

When contacted, the state police command spokesperson, DSP Catherine Anene, said she had yet to receive the report of the incident.

## elling firm MD, others' trial



Dare Osamo, Ayoola Olore and Hussain Abdulkadir for the offences of conspiracy to commit a felony, obtaining under false pretences and forgery under sections 411, 314 (1) and (3) and 365 (1), respectively, of the Criminal Law Cap. C17, Vol.3, Laws of Lagos State 2015. Also, Dare Osamo has a case to answer for stealing under Section 287 of the Criminal Law Cap C17, Vol. 3, Laws of Lagos State 2015.

"Your duplicate case file is hereby retained to enable this office prosecute Dare Osamo, Ayoola Olore and Hussaina Abdulkadir for the offences of conspiracy to commit a felony, obtaining under false pretences and forgery under sections 411, 314 (1) and (3) and 365 (1), respectively, of the Criminal Law Cap. C17, Vol.3, Laws of Lagos State 2015. Also, Dare Osamo has a case to answer for stealing under Section 287 of the Criminal Law Cap C17, Vol.3, Laws of Lagos State 2015.

"You shall be notified once a hearing notice is received."

The magistrate adjourned the matter till April 13, 2021.

**PUNCH Metro** had reported that the Zone 2 Police Command sought the DPP's advice after its investigation indicted some members of staff of Access Bank Plc for colluding with the erstwhile Managing Director, Star Orient Nigeria Limited, Dare Osamo, and others to launder about N1bn.

The police had arraigned Osamo and two others on four counts bordering on forgery and stealing last Wednesday.

General and Commissioner for Justice, Lagos State.

The legal advice was on Monday presented to the presiding magistrate A. A. Oshoniyi of the Lagos State Magistrates' Court sitting in Yaba, where the police had arraigned Osamo and two others on four counts bordering on forgery and stealing.

The legal advice read in part, "This office shall prosecute

## N186m winnings

company, in a letter signed by its lawyers, Babajimi Ayorinde and Oladimeji Sarumi, said the petitioners breached the firm's terms and conditions.

The letter read in part, "Our client has gone through your letter and the tickets you forwarded to us and is of the view that your clients have breached its terms and conditions, amongst other infractions.

"In light of this, our client is of the view that your clients are not entitled to any winnings. We hope you will advise your clients accordingly."