

Abandoned

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A lifeless body of a baby suspected to be a day-old has been found on a church premises (name withheld) at Engr Chukelu Street, Ububa South, Nkpor Agu in the Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

No one knows whether the baby girl was dumped there dead or alive, but our correspondent gathered from the residents of the area on Wednesday that the

currency notes. baby found dead on Anambra church premises

lifeless body was found in the early hours of Monday, fuelling suspicions that it might have been dumped in the midnight of Sunday.

PUNCH Metro further gathered that the incident caused a stir within the community as people gathered to catch a glimpse of the situation.

This was corroborated by a two-minute video currently circulating on social media, showing the location where the baby was dumped and covered

with dried plantain leaves with the voiceover in the video calling for whoever knew the owner of the baby to come forward and disclose the identity of the mother to the police for further investigations.

The male voice, who described himself as the Chief Security Officer of the Nkpor community, said, "I had the misfortune of going to examine a dead one-day-old girl abandoned at a church premises at Engr Chukelu Street, Ububa South, Nkpor Agu.

"Anyone who knows who may have committed this dastardly act should please come forward so we can assist police in their investigation. The incident has been reported to the Ogidi Police Division."

When our correspondent visited the community on Wednesday, he observed a group of people, including residents of the community, gathered around the area and analysing the development.

It was gathered that the

residents on sighting the abandoned baby invited the neighbourhood security watch who came and inspected the situation before inviting the police.

Speaking to our correspondent, the community's Chief Security Officer, Chris Udeze, said efforts made by operatives to trace the mother had been unsuccessful, as no one was able to recognise or identify the baby.

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