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Police arrest man for beating wife to death in Lagos

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A Lagos-based man identified as Sunday has been taken into custody by the state Police Command for allegedly beating his wife, Habibat Bakare, to death in the Ipaja area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered in a telephone conversation with the victim's brother, Lookman Bakare, on Monday, that the incident occurred in the early hours of Saturday.

According to Bakare, the victim had suffered domestic violence from her husband on several occasions before she eventually succumbed to death.

He added that on the said date, he was at the bus stop in the early hours of the day when he saw the victim and her husband ride past him on a bike in a suspicious manner.

He said about an hour after they had driven past, he received a call from someone informing him of her sister's death.

Bakare narrated, "I was waiting for a friend with whom we were to attend a party at the bus stop on Saturday at about



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5:15 am when I saw Habibat and her husband drive by on a motorcycle with Habibat lying on his back.

"About one hour later, I received a call to come over that Habibat was dead. I was surprised, and on getting there, I met the dead body of my sister.

I asked the husband if I did not see him and his wife drive

past me that morning, and he acknowledged it to be true.

"I also asked him why the clothes Habibat was wearing changed within the one hour that I saw them but he could not say anything. Those who took her body to the mortuary said they saw bruises on her leg."

Another member of the family who does not want to

be mentioned in print told our correspondent in a telephone conversation that the husband had attempted to dump his wife's corpse with the family when he was apprehended.

The family member said that the mother of two had, on several occasions, been beaten by her husband.

"The husband attempted to drop her body with the family when he was caught and handed over to the police.

"He had repeatedly beaten her before the last one that led to her death," the family source said.

When contacted in a telephone conversation on Monday, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident.

He confirmed that the suspect had been arrested and an investigation had begun into the matter.

"The suspect is in our custody and the case is now being handled by the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department, Yaba," the PPRO said.

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Animasahun Salman

THE Sokoto State Police Command has arrested one Austin Anthony, 'm', 44 years old and 32-year-old Mansur Abubakar, 'm', for car theft in the state.

The command's spokesman, ASP Ahmed Rufai, disclosed this in a statement made available on Monday.

The statement said, "On the 05/12/2024 at about 0600hrs, a complaint of car theft was reported by one Adamu Muhammad and Kabiru Shehu, all 'M', of Badon

Barade Area Sokoto, that on the same date, at about 0400hrs, their motor vehicles, Corolla LE Ash colour and Pontiac Vibe, were stolen.

"On receipt of the information, policemen attached with the Striking Force Unit of the Command swept into action and alerted police checkpoints along the Birnin-Kebbi Road where one of the stolen vehicles was found driven by one of the suspects at Bodinga

town heading to Birnin-Kebbi Road. "In the course of the investigation, the suspects confessed to the crime and two vehicles were recovered and one arrested."

The statement further said, "The suspect, Austin Anthony, said suspect, Austin Anthony, policemen attached to the CID

Two suspected car thieves arrested

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PUNCH Metro reported on March 29 that the state police command arrested one Emmanuel Okpara for allegedly beating his wife, Patience, to death in the Agege area of the

state. Okpara was said to have physically assaulted his wife after a heated argument reportedly ensued between the couple.

A police source had told PUNCH Metro that Patience sustained internal injuries and started vomiting blood in the process.

According to the source, the

deceased's son, who arrived at the scene of the incident the following morning, found her in a state of unconsciousness and immediately rushed her to the hospital for medical attention.

Two Anambra cultists nabbed for suspected robbery

Ikenna Obianeri, Awka

THE police in Anambra State have arrested two persons suspected to be cultists and armed robbers, along with various weapons in their possession.

The suspects, Okechukwu Chinwuko, 27, from Umunaga Village in Awka South LGA and Ezenwa Chinedu, 22, from Umumeri Village, were arrested by police operatives attached to the Anti-Cultism Squad in Enugu-Ukwu, Njikoka Local Government Area of Anambra State.

A statement issued on Monday by the command's spokesman, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, stated that the suspects were arrested on Saturday after a raid on a black spot in the area.

Ikenga said, "Police

operatives attached to the Anti-Cultism Squad Enugu-Ukwu, Njikoka Local Government Area of Anambra State in the late hours of Saturday, December 7, 2024, acting on credible information, raided an identified black spot in Umunaga Village, Awka South LGA.

"During the operation, one Okechukwu Chinwuko (M) aged 27 years of Umunaga Village and Ezenwa Chinedu (M) 22 years of Umumeri Village were arrested.

"Other incriminating objects recovered

included one pump action gun, four live cartridges, a cutlass, criminal charms, and



•The suspects

substances suspected to be hard drugs. The operatives also rescued two female victims who

the suspects had forcibly abused sexually.

"The arrested suspects are currently undergoing interrogation on their modus operandi and further details shall be communicated in due course."

Ikenga added that police operatives in Igbo-Ukwu Divisional Police Headquarters, on Saturday, recovered one white Peugeot J5 Boxer bus with Reg No: AKL 896 XB, a vandalised - Lister electricity generator, a roller, pipes, an iron bar, one big plier, screwdriver, a big metal cutter and a pair of black canvas from some fugitives/economic saboteurs.

He said the hoodlums were vandalising the Lister model electricity generator attached to the MTN mast located opposite Saint Martin's Catholic Church, Umudege, Igbo-Ukwu and on