

42-year-old arrested over wife's death in A'Ibom

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has arrested 42-year-old Victor Okoh in Oron, Akwa Ibom State over the alleged gruesome murder of his wife, Victoria Okoh, 'f', 38, at their residence.

A statement on Monday by the command's spokesperson, DSP Timfon John, indicated, "At about 05:20hrs, operatives of the command swiftly responded to a distress call from concerned residents. On arrival at the scene, officers discovered the mutilated body of the deceased lying outside the house she shared with her husband."

Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect had allegedly attacked his wife with a machete over accusations of infidelity.

Further reports indicated that the suspect was hiding in the ceiling of the house to evade arrest. The operatives tactically secured the building, forcefully gained entry, and successfully apprehended the assailant.

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“The machete used in committing the crime was recovered by the police, and photographs of the scene were captured on camera for investigation purposes,” the command’s spokesperson stated.

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The corpse of the murdered housewife has been deposited at the General Hospital Morgue for autopsy, while the suspect has been detained in police custody as investigations continue.

The state Commissioner of Police, Baba Mohammed Azare, condemned the gruesome murder in its entirety and assured the public that justice would take its full course.

Furthermore, he warned against all forms of domestic violence and called on residents to seek lawful means of resolving disputes rather than resorting to violence.

“The command remains committed to ensuring the safety of all citizens and urged the public to promptly report any suspicious activities to the nearest police formation,” the statement disclosed.