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# Sex-Starved Pastor Kills Wife

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For allegedly starving him of sex and having fun with her lovers outside the matrimonial home, a pastor with the Redeemed Gospel Church, Mbukpa, Calabar, Cross River State, has killed his wife and expressed joy that he did it.

The suspect, Pastor Godwin Usen, who is at present in prison custody, was alleged to have used a machete to hack his wife to pieces while she was sleeping.

The Akwa Ibom-born proprietor of Juana Nursery and Primary School told the Chief Magistrate's Court, Moore Road, Calabar that he killed his wife of 15 years for starving him of sex. The marriage is blessed with two children.

"My wife was in the habit of giving me sex once and giving those outside five times. How can I, the owner of something, be deprived of my property in preference for outsiders?" the accused asked the Chief Magistrate trying him.

The accused, who was not represented by a lawyer on a two-count charge of premeditated murder, also told the court that his late wife was in the habit of bringing robbers to rob him each time he had money.

"You people are shouting now because I killed Unwana. If you were witnesses to what I was passing through in the hands of

that woman, you will pity me. I have been working for the past 10 years and I have not been able to build a house or even buy a plot of land. Each time I have money, that woman, Unwana will bring robbers to attack me and collect the money," he told the court.

The Magistrate ordered that he should be remanded in prison custody till 20 June when the matter comes up again for hearing.

## Koro Rejects Lagos PDP Panel

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate in the last elections in Lagos State, Senator Musiliu Olatunde Obanikoro has stated that he has no confidence in the members of the purported probe panel set up by some leaders of the party leadership in the state to probe him and Mrs. Modupe Sasore over campaign funds for the party in the last election in the state.

Speaking on behalf of his boss, Obanikoro's media assistant, Lekan Odediran, alleged that most members of the said panel are members of the Network Alliance of Mrs. Hilda Williams who his boss defeated during the party governorship primaries in

the state and who have not hidden their displeasure at his emergence as the party's flagbearer to date.

Odediran stated further that other members of the panel are known apologists of other defeated governorship aspirants in the state who still feel bitter about their defeat at the party's governorship primaries and looking for ways of taking their pound of flesh from his boss.

According to Odediran, there is no way such panel will ensure fair hearing for his boss and Mrs. Sasore, "and there is no way you will expect us to have confidence in such panel where there is clear indication that my boss and Mrs. Sasore are deliberately being put to the sword to achieve selfish aim."

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