

Man, 3-Week Old Baby Die During Scuffle

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has swung into action to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of a man, Brown Batta and his three-week old baby, during a scuffle with his wife in their room.

The mysterious deaths occurred in their room along Itu Road, Uyo.

The late Batta, from Eket Local Government Area of the state allegedly returned home from work at about 9 p.m. and called his wife to join him in the room.

A neighbour, identified as Eno, disclosed that the late Batta carried their three-week old baby with him and the wife thereafter joined him in their room and the door was locked.

No sooner had the deceased locked the door than fighting broke out. Enos said the raised voices of the duo attracted neighbours who forced the door open.

"When we forced the door open, we found the three-week old baby lifeless, while Batta was stone dead with his wife lying injured in a pool of blood," Eno narrated.

The lady said a close look at the late Batta's body revealed that his neck had a deep cut while his intestines were out of his stomach.

Eno stated that neighbours were confused as to what to do and what could have happened inside the couple's room. They were also confused as to who killed the three-week old baby.

Could it be the father or the mother?

Meanwhile, the remains of the late Batta and his child had been deposited in the mortuary while the wife is receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

P.M.NEWS gathered that the matter was reported at the Itam Police division, Itu Local

Government Area where the incident is being investigated.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Akwa Ibom State Police Command, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Gabriel Ngban, said the police suspected foul play, adding that some arrests had been made and investigators hope to get to the root of the tragedy.

Brothers Rape Friend's Lover

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Two brothers, Michael Henry and Mfon Henry have been charged before the Ejigbo Magistrate's Court for allegedly raping their friend's lover (name withheld).

They were alleged to have conspired and tore the victim's underwear before having unlawful carnal knowledge of her in turns.

Their friend and boyfriend of the victim, Imen Inyam, lamented the action of the two brothers and wept profusely in court while narrating the incident.

Narrating to P.M.NEWS what happened, Imeh said he took his girlfriend to Michael's house at 46, Tajudeen Street, Ejigbo, Lagos, to make love to her.

According to Imeh: "Michael and Mfon are my close friends and they knew that I wanted to marry her but I was shocked when I took her to their house. They chased me out of the house and raped her.

"Before I could start, they

forced the door open and pushed me out of their room. They overpowered her and had sex with her forcefully," he stated.

He reported the incident to the police and the accused were arrested. They confessed to the act and blamed the devil.

They were later charged to court on a five-count charge of rape and stealing. One of the charges read: "That you, the accused on the same date, time and place did unlawfully had a carnal knowledge of the victim without her consent, an offence contrary to Sections 390 and 221 of the Criminal Code, Cap.17, Vol. 2, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2003.

They pleaded not guilty to the charge and the magistrate, Mrs. S.O. Solebo granted them bail in the sum of N100,000 with one surety. The court ordered that the surety must pay N25,000 to the chief registrar's account, pending the determination of the case.

They were ordered to be remanded in prison custody for failing to meet conditions attached to the bail.

The matter has been adjourned till 10 March, 2010.