

# Woman dumps baby in gutter

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•As Onitsha residents set robbery suspect ablaze

**R**esidents of the commercial city of Onitsha woke up on Friday to behold a gory sight of a lifeless body of a baby boy dumped inside gutter and not far from the scene was also the burnt body of a suspected armed robbery suspect at the Upper Iweka axis of the Anambra state capital.

*Saturday Sun* gathered that at the No 19 Upper New Market road, scene of the gory sight, residents of the area including traders on their way to the Main Market stopped to catch a glimpse of the lifeless body of the baby boy suspected to have been dumped inside the gutter by the mother.

The baby dressed in blue and white attire with marks indicating that he must have been strangled to death was found by early callers to the market, mostly women who stopped to

rain curses on the mother of the baby and whoever had a hand in his death.

One of the women who did not want her name in print told our reporter that the person who dumped the baby inside the gutter will never have baby again adding "this is the highest level of cruelty meted to an innocent baby who just came into this world. The person that did this will never hear the cry of a baby again in his or her house"

"Each time we mothers teach our young children the dangers of getting pregnant out of wedlock, some of them will rather like to continue jumping from one man to another and when they get pregnant, most of them will abscond to another place where they will give birth to these babies and snuff lives out of them. While many women are busy crying, praying to God for a fruit of the womb,

some useless randy girls are here killing and dumping these precious gifts from God into the gutters and tomorrow they will begin to go from one adoration and prayer houses another other in search of children", the bitter resident added.

It was however gathered that the whereabouts of the mother of the baby was still unknown as at the time of filing this report while policemen from the Central Police Station, CPS, Onitsha led by the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, Mr. Tope Fasugba came and evacuated the lifeless body of the baby.

Also found not far from where the baby was dumped was the burnt body of a young man in his late 20s who had boarded a luxury bus going to Lagos with a view to robbing other passengers on the way but luck ran against him as he was searched and a locally

made pistol found on him.

The incident according to eyewitness accounts occurred at 9pm on Thursday when the suspect dressed in a black suit boarded the luxury bus with other passengers. But when the driver wanted to move, he asked that a search on passengers be conducted and it was during the search that a locally made pistol fell off from the suspect's pocket. As a result, he was lynched and burnt by irate youths.

Confirming the incident, the Onitsha Police Area Commander, Mr. Benjamin Wordu said the policemen discovered the burnt body of the suspect at the Upper Iweka, adding that he was a victim of jungle justice. Wordu urged residents of the commercial city to go about their normal businesses on the ground that the situation has been brought under control and investigations were ongoing.