

ing on his bed when the gang broke into his residence. They gagged him and tied his hands with his shirt and carted away

that the dignitaries expected to attend the meeting were well-to-do and so would raise a huge sum that day.

ernment Area of Enugu State but living close to Nwode at No 37 Agbarike, Abakpa and

getting the tip-off, Adamu quickly mobilized operatives to respond to the distress call.

said full-scale investigations had commenced into the alleged incident.

# Teenager takes killer drug from lover

**E**bonyi State Police Command is working hard to unravel the mystery behind the death of 17-year-old Eunice Eweke who was allegedly murdered by 21-year-old Kelechi Nwekoyo, her fiancé.

The suspect allegedly administered a poisonous substance on the girl at Nsubo village at Ettam, Okpitiemo in Ikwo Local Government Area of the state, which led to her death.

*Sunday Sun* gathered that the suspect, Nwekoyo had sought the hand of Eunice in marriage and that he secured the approval of her parents, but the girl's father, Mr. Iduma Eweke, said the wedding can only take place after Eunice had completed her secondary education.

Trouble, however, started when Eunice went to spend a one-month holiday with her grandmother at Igbuduin in Ikwo Local Government Area of the state. Nwekoyo, it was gathered, accompanied her on the trip and both had sexual intercourse, which resulted in pregnancy.

Subsequently, Nwekoyo allegedly bought a drug from a medicine store for Eunice, possibly to abort the pregnancy. Unfortunately, Eunice died after taking the medication.

## ...Dies in bid to abort pregnancy

Giving his account of the incident to *Sunday Sun* Nwekoyo said: "I am a native of Uduku Igbudu in Ikwo LGA. I am married to Nkechi Nwekoyo and we have a child. I knew Eweke Iduma through his child Eunice Eweke. On May 27, 2012, I went to Eunice' father and told him that I intend to marry his daughter. He agreed, but said that since the girl was still an SS3 student, I should allow her to finish her secondary school.

"I have slept in their house on the same bed with Eunice, but that was just once. The relationship continued. Then one day, I went to visit her at home and her mother told me that she went to see her grandmother at Igbudu village. That was on April 15, 2013.

"So, I visited her there, but met her with another boy called Ejike. I was not happy at all. So, I took the boy's shoes and shirt and ran to a neighbor there called Mwaosunwo and explained things to him. The man followed me back to the house where I had met Eunice and Ejike. He then told him that I was the one that wanted to marry her. After that, Ejike left."

The suspect claimed that he



•The deceased

did not go back to Eunice after that incident. "We ended our relationship. I was not the one who gave Eunice the medicine that she took. I am not aware of her pregnancy and I don't know anything about the poison. Eunice never told me that she was pregnant. She only mentioned my name because I am the one who promised to marry her", Nwekoyo added.

However, speaking with *Sunday Sun*, the girl's father, Mr. Iduma Eweke insisted that it was Nwekoyo who poisoned his daughter. He said Eunice confessed that to him before she died.

While he agreed that there was a standing agreement for the suspect to marry his daughter,

Eweke said he felt disappointed that Nwekoyo took advantage of his daughter and got her pregnant.

"In June 2013, my daughter went to live with my mother at Igbudu and Nwekoyo went behind and met Eunice there and impregnated her. He then gave her a drug and took her to my house in September 2013.

"On September 18, 2013 around 1:00am my daughter, Eunice, started crying while holding her stomach. She confessed to me that it was Nwekoyo that got her pregnant and put some medicine into hot water and gave her to drink. Later, my daughter died," the father lamented.

Eweke said that they quickly



•Dikko, Ebonyi State CP



•The suspect

reported the case at Ikwo police station and the police got Nwekoyo arrested.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Maigari Dikko said the corpse had been deposited at the General Hospital Mortuary at Onueke in Ezza South LGA for autopsy. He also said the suspect would soon be charged to court.