

CITY NEWS

Jealous lover bathes lady with acid

• Victim dies in hospital

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A young man, Simon Elemuna alias, Papa is now helping the Benue State Police Command to unravel why he soaked his ex-lover, Ladi Moses with substance suspected to be acid which resulted in her death last Tuesday.

Our Correspondent gathered that the incident took place on November 4, 2015 at the old Nigeria Prison Service Yard, Wadata area of Makurdi where Ladi resides with her family.

According to neighbours of the deceased, the suspect had called her out at about 7pm that fateful day for a discussion and she followed him.

Suddenly, Simon was said to have brought out a container, sprayed its contents on Ladi's face and ran away, leaving her in excruciating pains.

It was gathered that shouts of 'help! help!' from Ladi that drew the attention of neighbours to the scene. They quickly moved her to a private hospital while a manhunt was launched by the vigilance group in the area for Simon.

Simon was later arrested that night at a motor park in Makurdi while trying to escape from the state. Ladi battled for her life until she died at the Federal Medical Center (FMC), Makurdi on Monday.

Confirming the report, the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Matthew Oku said, Simon of North Bank attempted to escape to Port-Harcourt after committing the crime.

The Police spokesperson who disclosed that the suspect was still in Police detention said he was arrested by the police in a luxury bus at about 3am at the Wurukum Park the night he committed the crime. He said investigation into the matter was already ongoing.

However, the victim's mother, Mrs. Saratu Sani, was sighted crying and rolling on the ground while sympathisers tried to console her yesterday at the FMC shortly after her daughter was confirmed dead.

Mrs. Sanni alleged that Simon had severally threatened her daughter that he would do something if Ladi rejected his love advances stressing that she didn't know that he would go to the extent of taking the life of her daughter.

Three docked