

From **WOLE BALOGUN, Ado-Ekiti**

A lady, **Peju Olu, 23**, from **Ijero**, in **Ijero Local Government Area (LGA)** of **Ekiti State**, has reportedly died from complications resulting from an aborted abortion attempt allegedly carried out on her by a yet-to-be identified quack doctor on in **Ijero** community.

Investigations revealed that **Olu's** girlfriend, simply called **Sisi** had taken her to a quack in the community to terminate the pregnancy when it appeared his boyfriend, also known the community as **Peter**, who was responsible for the conception, was not around and could not be reached. It was gathered that they decided on the risky venture as a way out of the burden of shouldering the responsibility of mothering a child singlehandedly.

Things, however, turned awry when unexpected complications resulted from the exercise and **Olu** began to agonise over the pains of the complications.

Girl aborts pregnancy, dies ... family fingers boyfriend

Neighbours who witnessed the tragic twist of the situation, said **Olu** had cried and groaned endlessly and shouted the name of her boyfriend severally before she died at the hospital.

"**Peju** had held her stomach and yelled severally. She called out **Peter's** name many times, saying that he was the one who impregnated her and put her in such a difficult condition and could not be reached when she needed him.

That must have been the reason her parents believe it was her boyfriend who made her to attempt aborting the conception. I think she was pushed to the wall because she could not see the person who put her in the family way, for a long time, "a friend of the deceased and neighbour, who didn't want her name in print, said.

When **SWM** visited the family house of the

deceased in **Irona** quarters of **Ijero**, the parents of the deceased, who fought back tears while being consoled by relatives and friends, refused to make comments over the incidence. They also refused to give the reporter the deceased's picture on request, saying that it is against their tradition to publish image of the dead. They however, referred the reporter to the **Ijero Police Station**.

"We cannot say anything over the matter, it has happened and we want to forget about everything, please go to the police station, they are the ones handling the case now. And I think the matter has reached the court, the evil friend suspected to have taken the poor girl to the bad doctor has been charged to court. So, we don't want to say anything about it until we

get to court, "a relative of the deceased who simply identified himself as **Soji**, said.

Confirming the incidence, **Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO)** in **Ekiti State**, **Mr. Alberto Adeyemi**, said:

"Yes, the matter was reported to us from **Ijero Police Station**, we have arrested virtually all the suspects involved and are still making more arrests, particularly that of the quack doctor who carried out the heinous crime simply because of his greed for money. I think it is a case of a lady who allegedly committed abortion and died from complications, it was speculated that his girlfriend must have taken her to a quack doctor who did the failed abortion. Her boyfriend who was fingered by her relatives, had pleaded alibi, saying he was not even around when the abortion was done. He said he just came in a few days ago. We have charged the case to court, and some suspects are being remanded in our custody. I don't think I should say anything more about it," the **PPRO** said.