

Woman strangles her 1-yr-old baby, throws body into stream

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IN a tale reminiscent of the television movie series, *Hammer House of Horror*, a 25-year-old woman in Nasarawa State, Asabe Bawa Andrew, allegedly strangled her one-year-three-month-old baby and threw the body into a river in Gunduma, Uke Council Development Area of the state.

Mrs. Andrew allegedly committed the abominable act because she wanted to be free of the burden constituted by the baby, which was considered an obstacle to the achievement of her desire to leave her husband and relocate to Abuja, where she hoped to find a job as a casual worker.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Abubakar Sadiq Bello told *Sunday Sun* reporter that the horrific incident came to light when a farmer and members of a vigilance group discovered the corpse of the baby floating on the water and alerted the chief of Gunduma community.

When news of the discovery spread in the community, people reflected on the fact that the suspect was no longer being seen with her baby. So, a report was made to the police about this observation at Gunduma Police Division on August 24, 2016. This prompted detectives to arrest the suspect and in the course of interrogation, Asabe cracked and confessed to the police that she strangled her baby.

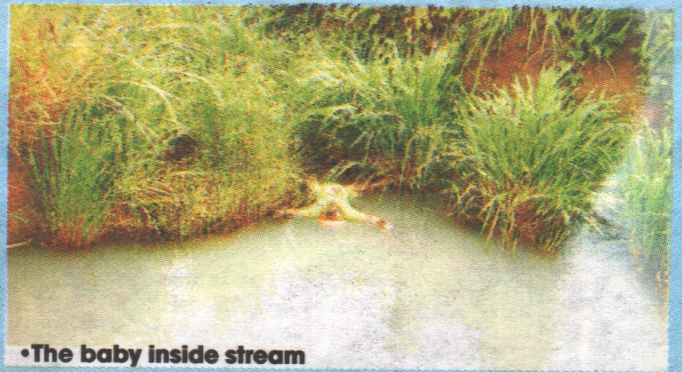


•Suspect

When she spoke with *Sunday Sun*, the alleged suspect, Asabe Bawa Andrew said that frustration and suffering drove her into the dastardly act of killing her own baby.

Her words: "My husband has been giving me severe beating. At a point, I could not bear it any longer. I decided to follow my friend to Abuja to look for petty job. My friend said that because of the baby I would not be able to cope in Abuja.

One morning, I woke up and took my baby to the river. I strangled her and threw the body into the river. But after killing the baby, I felt very bad.



•The baby inside stream



•Sadiq Bello



•The baby about to be buried

"I didn't tell anybody that I had killed my baby. If anybody asked me about my baby, I would lie that she was sleeping. But when people who know me didn't see the baby after sometime, they reported to the chief of the community about their observation. He in turn informed the police.

When contacted, Mr. Andrew, the husband to the suspect, said

that he didn't know that his wife could commit such act. "I didn't quarrel with her, but suddenly she packed her luggage away from the house and started staying alone," the bereaved father said.

The Commissioner of Police CP Abubakar Sadiq Bello stated that the suspect would be charged for murder after conclusion of investigations.

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