

ABORTION ATTEMPT CLAIMS 23-YR-OLD

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THIRTY-FIVE-YEAR-

OLD Temidayo Ojo, a native of Irepoḍun Local Government Area, Ekiti State, is now cooling his heels in the custody of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command, Abuja, following his arrest and detention by the police.

Ojo was arrested in Ushafa Village, Buhari area of the FCT where he took refuge after running away, following the death of his 23-year-old girlfriend, Favour Agunna, who attempted to abort a two-month pregnancy.

The Commissioner of Police, FCT Police Command, Mr. Muhammed Mustafa who told *Sunday Sun* about the incident said that it happened on September 18, 2016. According to him, Favour had informed Ojo about the pregnancy, and was said to have insisted that she would not have the baby as she wanted to return to school. Besides, Ojo already had a wife, who he married in 2013 and the union had produced two children.

Favour was said to have gone to a patent medicine dealer, where she allegedly bought drugs to terminate the pregnancy. Soon after taking the medication she began to bleed.

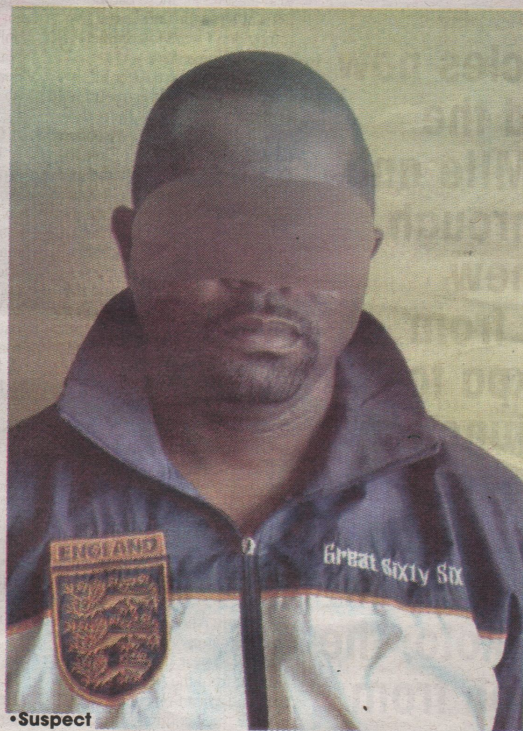
Ojo took the deceased to one Dr. Agbede Benjamin, who runs a clinic, but the doctor referred them to the General Hospital, but Favour died on the way to the hospital.

In a brief chat at the headquarters of the FCT Police Command, Ojo gave *Sunday Sun* reporter a snapshot of his relationship with the deceased: "Favour and I dated for good three years. I impregnated her two months ago, but she said that she would not keep the pregnancy because she wanted to go back to school. So she went to a chemist shop (patent medicine dealer) to buy some drug for abortion. Later she called me that she was having stomach pain and I rushed her to the hospital of Dr. Agbede Benjamin. After examining her, he told me to take her to the Gwarimpa General Hospital, but she died on the way."

...Boyfriend dumps corpse at doorstep of victim's house



•Victim



•Suspect



•Mustapha

Also giving an account of his role in the matter, Dr Agbede Benjamin corroborated what Ojo said and added that he actually accompanied Ojo and the deceased to the hospital. He said: "She was bleeding when he brought her to my hospital. I examined her and referred him to the Gwarimpa General Hospital. I followed them to the hospital. It was on the way to the hospital that the girlfriend died. I advised him to take the corpse of

the deceased to the mortuary. Later he dropped me at home."

But it seemed that Ojo was not keen on taking the advice given to him by the doctor. Rather than take the corpse of Favour to the mortuary, he allegedly drove to the home of the deceased and dumped the corpse at the doorstep of the house and zoomed off.

But nemesis caught up with Ojo as police detectives from the Buhari Police

and mentioned that he and the late Favour had sought medical advice from Dr. Agbede Benjamin, who was later arrested by the police on September 22, 2016 at his clinic.

He avowed to *Sunday Sun* that he never knew that Ojo did not heed his advice to deposit Favour's body at the mortuary as he had advised him. Hence he didn't know that he went and dumped the corpse of his girlfriend at the entrance of her door and ran away. Suddenly I saw policeman who came and arrested me on September 22, 2016" he said.

Cp Mustapha added that the suspect Temidayo Ojo will be charge for murder case.

Station were able to piece together information that enabled them to locate and arrest him on September 19, 2016.

In the course of interrogation he spilled the beans