

Suspected armed robbers paraded by the Lagos State Police Command, recently.

Mystery over woman's death

• Family seeks justice for mother of 2

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THE Anyakwu family is facing a puzzle over the death of their daughter, Mrs Victoria Ifeoma Ibekwe, aged 26, in the hands of her alleged lover, Kingsley Chibuzo Iheanacho in Epe, near Lagos. The family is demanding justice.

The woman was abducted and allegedly killed in Epe.

Ifeoma who married Mr Benson Ibekwe, was allegedly kidnapped on August 12, 2016 after she had told her parents she was going to Ghana in search of work.

Her father, Mr. Henry Anyakwo, said his daughter brought her two kids to the family to look after as she left for Ghana.

"This happened in August when I was planning to go to the village for the burial rites of my

father, Chief Pius Orekeyi Anyakwo. I decided to leave the children with the family. Little did I know that Ifeoma who told us she was headed to Ghana had been allegedly kidnapped by a 32-year-old Iheanacho, to Epe as a sex slave.

"It was on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at exactly 7.30 am that one of my sons called me said somebody from Epe told him that Ifeoma was dead. I was confused because Ifeoma should be in Ghana and not Epe.

"The messenger also asked me to come down to Epe immediately to get the necessary information from the police. I dashed to Epe where the police told me that they had arrested and detained the suspect who killed my daughter whose corpse had been deposited at a mortuary in Epe.

"I requested for the woman who made the call. The woman, Mrs. James, told me that Iheanacho allegedly beat my daughter daily. She said that every attempt to get Ifeoma out of the man's house always attracted reprimand from the man who many times had boasted that he would kill Ifeoma," he said.

The police at Epe, told *Daily Sun* that they had to transfer the case to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panti, Yaba, Lagos because the man wanted to commit suicide in the cell.

"We shall conduct autopsy to find out exactly what caused the death of Ifeoma. Meanwhile, we don't want the man to die in our custody because the death would disrupt the full investigation so we transferred the case to Panti," a police source said.

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