

Man arrested over death of married lover

From **Gyang Bere, Jos**

THE Plateau State Police Command has arrested a 42-year-old man, Gundumi Saya, over the death of his married lover, Mrs. Hajara Markus, who died while spending the night with him.

According to the police charge sheet before Justice Daniel Longji of the Plateau State High Court, Jos, Saya, who has three wives and 14 children, is a resident of Zango-Dinya in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The accused, who is being charged with culpable homicide, allegedly committed the offence on Nov. 21, 2018. The police alleged that the suspect, on the said date, committed the act of adultery with the deceased when he lured her out of her matrimonial home to have sexual intercourse with her, an offence that contravened section 368 of the penal code.

The charge sheet further said that the suspect intentionally dumped the body of the deceased by the roadside after he

realised that she had died in his custody while he was having sex with her.

It said that the accused refused to inform the police of Hajara's death, thereby contravening sections 189 and 102 of the penal code.

The suspect, in a confessional statement, however, denied killing his lover, stating that he woke up to make love to her in the middle of the night only to find her dead.

"I have known Hajara before she got married; we have been in a relationship for a long time. In between, she got married and got divorced twice but we still kept on seeing each other until she got married again a few years ago.

"Whenever I wanted to have sexual relations with her, I invite her to the bush, where we will 'catch our fun', and she will return home.

"On the said date, we arranged to meet at my friend's place, one Ojukwu, who is also married, after she told her husband that she was going for a wedding in Bauchi State.