

Woman, 26, nabbed over murder of ex-lover's 6-month-old baby in Abia

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ABIA State Police Command has arrested a woman, Chinazaekpere, 26, for allegedly killing a six-month-old baby of her ex-lover in the state.

Daily Sun gathered that Chinazaekpere claimed she was angry that her former lover had promised her marriage but failed to inform her that he was already married to another woman.

She told the Police that the man allegedly impregnated her many time and compelled her to commit series of abortions. A source said that perhaps out of the desire to pay back her ex-lover, she went after his six-month-old baby.

The suspect allegedly deceived an old woman who was taking care of the baby, telling her that the baby's mother needed him urgently and the old woman innocently handed the baby to her. Along the line, the baby got missing and the police were alerted. During investigation, the baby's dead body was found in a gutter.

A family source, Rose, said the baby was strangled by the suspect who dumped him into the gutter.

According to Rose, Chinaza as she is fondly called in the area thought that the old woman who handed the baby to her would not be able to identify her, but luck ran out on her as some neighbours who saw her when she entered the compound, gave a vivid description of her and the police were invited.

A police source who spoke on the condition of anonymity as he was not supposed to speak with press, said: "We learnt the culprit visited the compound of the deceased, so we have to arrested her. She later confessed that she was a lover to the father of the deceased who betrayed her and out of provocation

she killed the baby. Right now she is undergoing investigation. We have deposited the body in the morgue".

The State Commissioner of Police, Ene Okon, said the woman has been handed over to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) for detailed investigation and that the woman would soon be charged to court.

ICPC prosecutes contractors for contract inflation, project abandonment

From **Paul Osuyi**, Asaba

THE Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offices Commission (ICPC) yesterday in Asaba, Delta State, said that some contractors were being prosecuted for either inflating contract sum or for abandoning projects after collecting money.

ICPC's commissioner in charge of Edo/Delta region, Mr. Yusuf Olatunji, who disclosed this, did not however, put a figure to the number of contractors being prosecuted across the country.

Olatunji spoke while fielding questions from newsmen on the sidelines of a stakeholder's town hall

meeting with the theme: 'My Constituency, My Project'.

He said that ICPC recovered both money and equipment during the first phase of its Constituency Projects Tracking Group initiative carried out in 12 states after the launch of the initiative in 2019. Olatunji said the initiative popularly known as CPTG was done to ascertain if projects were executed satisfactorily, adding that it was huge success in the communities polled during the first phase.

"I cannot tell you now, how much has been refunded by contractors, because refund is still going on, we are still collating the figures. How-

ever, some contractors who abandoned their sites have returned back to work as a result of our intervention.

"Also, we have seen ambulance, tractors, generators and a whole lot of things being recovered. Some of the equipment like the tractors and some machines have been distributed back to the communities that were initially to benefit," Olatunji stated.

He stated that the commission was still in the process of compiling the list of abandoned projects in Delta which is among the states for the second phase of the CPTG initiative. Olatunji who said the town hall meeting was holding simultaneously across all states of the federation, explained that the aim was to enlighten the public that projects are owned by the community and not the sponsors.

His words: "We wish to state with emphasis that contractors who abandon their sites have returned back to work as a result of our intervention."