

# The Lifeline

## Man becomes deaf, dumb after sleeping with dead lady for four days

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**WONDERS**, they say, shall never end. It was like a fairy tale or a scene from a horror movie on Saturday, June 18, when scary incident happened in Aba, the commercial hub of Abia State.

A man took a lady to his office and they did not come out until after four days, when the police, with the help of neighbours, forced the office doors open to behold an unconscious man lying beside the decomposing body of a lady.

What happened? The man's name was given as Prince Innocent Ukaunna, a real estate agent parading a fleet of cars with customized number plates bearing his sobriquet, "JahPriest."

He had his office on the third floor of a four-storey building designated as No. 7, Factory Road, by Eziukwu Road Junction, Aba.

According to a source, another tenant in the same building, JahPriest received streams of visitors in his office every day, including ladies of all sizes and shapes.

So, on Tuesday, June 14, neighbours who shared the same wing of the complex with JahPriest were said to have seen him entering his office with a lady supposed to be in her late 40s or early 50s.

The source revealed that there was no time the man or his female visitor were seen leaving the office at the close of business that Tuesday, neither was he seen days later.

However, after some days, an offensive odour began to pervade the building without anybody knowing the particular office it was coming from or the cause. When the odour became unbearable, neighbours conducted a search and found out it was coming from the office of JahPriest.

Getting JahPriest to open his office to find out about the offensive odour was impossible as all his phone lines were said to have been switched



• JahPriest being lifted from his office

off.

Neighbours were confused; nobody could hazard a guess as to what happened. Even those who saw JahPriest walk into his office on that Tuesday morning did not suspect any danger.

One of the occupants of the building disclosed: "We never suspected that anything bad would have happened to the man and his female visitor until on Friday, June 17, when the offensive odour covered the entire complex and it became unbearable.

"When the offensive odour became unbearable, we were forced to close early that Friday

from work. We equally notified the caretaker of the building for him to take immediate action to save lives."

The caretaker reportedly swung into action as requested and was said to have got across to the man's wife after a series of phone calls.

The caretaker and JahPriest's wife were said to have gone to Aba Area Command of the police to make an entry. It was gathered that two policemen followed them to the complex and when they broke the door of JahPriest's office, the man and his guest were lying motionless inside.



• Building where the incident happened

Initially, it was thought both of them were dead, but a closer look revealed that, while JahPriest was still alive, the woman had died and was already decomposing. It was indeed the source of the stench that had made life unbearable for neighbours for days.

A witness said: "Initially, the two bodies looked lifeless but a closer look revealed that JahPriest was still alive, but the lady had died and the body started decomposing, which was the source of the offensive odour that enveloped the entire complex for days. But the man, having not eaten for days, was look-