## Police nab prime suspect in murder of Delta sex worker

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A female suspect, one Amore Oghenevire, has been arrested over her alleged involvement in the murder of a commercial sex worker, at a hotel in Ughelli, Delta State.

The suspect was arrested by operatives of Special Weapon and Tactics (SWAT) of the Nigeria Police Force from Abuja.

Her arrest followed a petition by the owner of the hotel, Helen Amore, who accused her of the crime.

The late sex worker identified as Confidence was reportedly murdered on August 10, 2022, in her room at the hotel.

She was reportedly stabbed on the stomach and strangled by her assailants.

Contacted in Asaba, the Public Relations Officer of the state police command, DSP Bright Edafe, could not confirm the arrest, saying that it was "possible SWAT operatives effected the arrest, but I am not privy to such information."

However, the hotel owner, Helen, who expressed dissatisfaction with the investigation by the state police command, petitioned, through her lawyer, Oghaimeh S. Friday (Esq), the Force headquarters where operatives of SWAT were deployed to carry out a concrete investigation.

Speaking in Ughelli, Helen said the suspect is her sister of the same father, but different mother, and was one of the persons helping to manage the hotel until she personally took over the management after suspecting that her sister was shortchanging her and even planning to take over the ownership of the hotel, which was an inheritance from her mother.

She said after relieving her of the job, the suspect allegedly swore not to allow her to have peace in running her hotel, adding that she allegedly made various threats in the past of causing problems that would close down the hotel if she could not have her way.

"I am a business woman, I trade in second hand clothes. I went to Lagos on August 6, to buy goods, and was still in Lagos on August 8, when one of my girls, who has spent up to five years with me in that hotel, called me and said she saw my younger sister, that is Oghenevire, and a man, called Ogboru, who I know because he is from our village, and we even have a land case with him in court.

"They came with Ogboru's SUV car, alongside three boys, and after they alighted, they began to point at the hotel for the boys to see. After that, they left. When my girl told me all these, being that, I didn't have any business with them and I believed they were not going to do anything outside the law, because my sister had already taken me to court over the case, I asked my girl not to worry, that nothing was going to happen.

"I was shocked and demoralised when I was told, on August 10, that they have killed Confidence, one of my favourite girls. I have been in that hotel for the past 33 years now, and such a thing never happened until I drove my sister away because she was trying to defraud me," she said.

Speaking further, she said she decided to involve the police force headquarters because despite concrete evidence against the suspect, they refused to arrest the suspects for interrogation, adding that it was the SWAT team that was able to carry out the investigation and arrested the suspect, while her alleged accomplice, Ogboru, is now at large.