

# C'River: Man kills lady, dumps body inside septic tank

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**TRAGEDY** struck the Ikot Offiong Ambai community in Akpabuyo Local Government Area of Cross River State, yesterday, as the body of one Miss

Harmony Edemawan was recovered from the toilet in the early hours of Christmas day.

Edemawan was allegedly kidnapped, killed and dumped inside a septic tank by one Mr. Eyo Etim Bassey, who was said to be owing the deceased N1.2

million.

Police sources revealed that the Anti-Cultism and Kidnapping Squad (ACKS), a tactical unit of the Cross River State Police Command, while investigating a reported case of kidnapping, arrested one Eyo Etim Bassey, for allegedly masterminding the killing of Miss Harmony Edemawan, over a debt owed her by the suspect.

Harmony was said to have been kidnapped last Thursday, at her Ikot Offiong Ambai residence in Akpabuyo. However, based on credible intelligence and using undercover agents, Dragon Squad arrested the suspect, Mr. Eyo Etim Bassey, who allegedly abducted the victim, killed and dumped her body inside a septic tank. After much interrogation, the Dragon Squad mobilised and stormed the residence of the victim and found her lifeless body inside the septic tank and then took her to the morgue.

Confirming the incident, the Cross River State Commissioner of Police, Sule Balarabe, said the suspect was in their custody, in connection with the kidnap of a middle aged lady, whose remains was later discovered in a septic tank.

He said: "The suspect had earlier given false information that the victim sold his property amounting to about N9 million and didn't want to remit the same amount to him.

"So he contacted some people to abduct her (Harmony), in a bid to recover the money, but she was killed and dumped inside the septic tank.

"We have recovered her body from the septic tank and deposited it at the mortuary, and further investigation is ongoing to unravel the mystery and, also, arrest other accomplices involved."

A family source told Daily Sun that the suspect, Etim Bassey, borrowed N1.2 million from the victim to boost his oil palm business earlier this year. Bassey is alleged to be dating the victim's niece, a 200 Level UNICAL student. The victim was said to be a staff of Lafarge Company and was the bread winner of her family.

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## ce at Lagos airport, seaport

Lagos. The container marked MSCU5206726 from Montreal, Canada, was declared as containing three units of used vehicles, but upon a 100 percent examination, it was found to contain two vehicles; a 2009 Toyota Corolla car and a 2009 Ford Econoline bus, as well as used car engines, bicycles, shoes and other items, including the drugs. Two dock workers: Abdulquadri Abdulazeed and Ogbuji Kenneth, are already in NDLEA custody in connection with the seizure, following their initial arrest by the port security and the police.

In Kano, two suspects: Nura Zakariya'u and Alkasim Abubakar, were arrested along Zaria-Kano road, Kwanar Dangora, with 161 blocks of cannabis weighing 152kgs and various quantities of exol and codeine based syrup, while a total of 100,000 pills of tramadol were recovered from a suspect, Amaechi Johnson, in Imo State on his way to Onitsha, Anambra State. Similarly, a total of 708 kilograms of cannabis were recovered by operatives from a bus at Ehinogbe, Owo area of Ondo State, last Tuesday.

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passenger jumped down and fled, thereby heightening the suspicion of the eagle eyed operatives.

"The motorcycle and the rider, who gave his identity as one Bilyaminu Saidu, aged 33 years, of Shuwaki village, Bakori LGA of Katsina State, were immediately subjected to a thorough search which led to his arrest. The items recovered included four AK47 rifles, 344 rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition, telephones and charms," he said.

Jalige said the arrested suspect had been taken into cus-

tody and preliminary investigation has revealed he and his fleeing accomplice were on a nefarious mission to supply his gang with the offensive weapons.

"The Commissioner of Police, Kaduna State Command, Mr Yekini Ayoku, has ordered for a thorough and comprehensive investigation to unearth the source and destination of the illicit arms and the arrest of the suspect's criminal cohorts.

He said the CP further assured members of the public that the command would be unwavering in its commitment to ensure public safety and security, in line with the operational guidelines handed down by the Inspector General of Police, Usman Baba.

The PPRO further enlisted the support and cooperation of all and sundry to the police and other security agencies as security remained a shared responsibility.

