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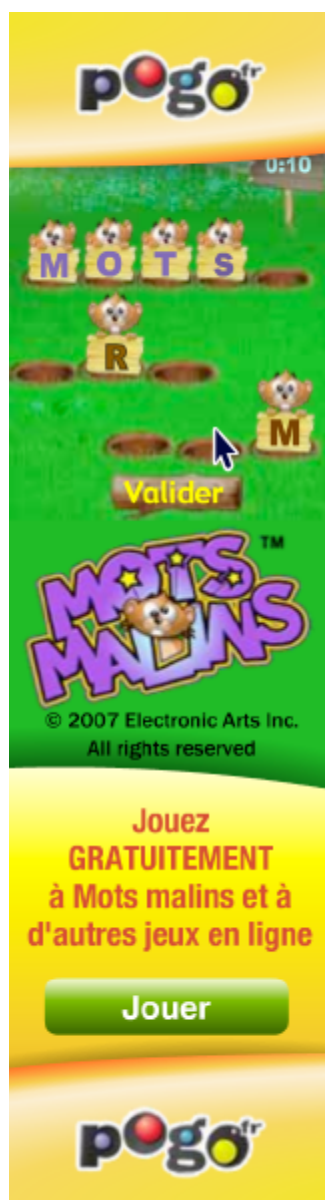
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Man kills wife, self

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All roads in Cross River State now lead to Mbube in the Ogoja Local Government Area, as scores of people besiege the community to get first hand information about how a jealous man, Mr. Thomas Atumar, shot himself dead, after killing his wife for allegedly having extramarital affairs.

Daily Sun reporter who visited the community, gathered that the 30-year-old woman, Mrs. Mary Odey Atumar was shot dead, as her husband, a village hunter who returned from a hunting expedition at midnight on the fateful day, allegedly caught her in a sex romp with a 20-year-old boy, simply identified as James.

Sources at the Mbube community said Mary and the 20-year-old boy were in a midnight romance, allegedly defiling her matrimonial bed, when the 40-year-old hunter returned home unexpectedly.

It was gathered that Thomas who returned home apparently expecting to be received by his wife, was allegedly left outside stranded for a long time, as the wife was allegedly unwilling to open.

Peeved that the wife refused to open the door, Daily Sun gathered, the man became furious, threatening to break into the house, when James suddenly escaped through the

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As James allegedly opened the window and escaped, Thomas reportedly made effort throughout the night to hunt and shoot him with his gun, but did not succeed.

Smarting from anger, Thomas reportedly returned to his house at dawn after a futile search for James and shot his unfaithful wife dead.

Mary was shot in the stomach, as her intestines were seen gushing out.

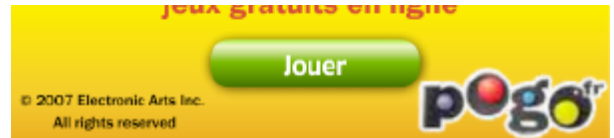
Few seconds after the woman was gunned down, Thomas reportedly said he could not bear the odium of seeing his wife having sex with another man.

“After shooting his wife, he cocked the gun, loaded another cartridge and shot himself in the chest, using his toe to pull the trigger,” one Egbe who witnessed the incident said.

According to sources in the village, trouble started months ago, as the man allegedly complained to neighbours that his wife was have secret romance with the boy, describing the romance as an insult to his personality.

“This is really the work of the devil because the man had warned her severally to stop having extramarital affairs with the boy, but she failed to listen,” an eye witness said.

At press time, the corpses had been deposited at the Ogoja General Hospital mortuary, while preparation for the burial was going on at the man the man’s village.



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