

Father kills two daughters, dumps bodies in stream



A father was yesterday remanded at the Koton-Karfe Prison for allegedly killing two of his daughters and dumping their bodies in the stream.

The accused, Samuel Anyaogu (29), was remanded by a Lokoja Chief Magistrates' Court.

Anyaogu had the children with his mistress, Grace Edwin.

It was Edwin, who reported the matter at the 'A' Division Police Headquarters, Lokoja, Kogi State.

Edwin told the court that on December 25, 2015, Anyaogu suffocated her nine-month-old baby, Chinonso.

According to her, Anyaogu carried out the crime by blocking the baby's nostrils and mouth under the guise of playing with her. The child was

rushed to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Lokoja, but doctors on duty said the baby was dead.

Edwin also told the court that on December 26, 2015, the accused put the body in a sack and threw it into the stream near NITEL office in Lokoja.

She said the accused again on January 1, 2016, hit their two-year-old daughter, Miracle Edwin, with a heavy object. The child collapsed and later died. Miracle's body, like that of her sister, was flung into the same stream and exact location.

Anyaogu, after disposing of Miracle's body, allegedly threatened to kill Edwin if she ever told anyone how the two children died.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr. Levi Animoku, said: "This court declines to ad-

mit the accused to bail. Consequently, he shall be remanded in prisons."

Edwin said that did not have courage to report the matter until her family members forced her to reveal the truth and later compelled her to report the matter to the police.

Counsel to the accused, Mr. O. S. Atokolo, applied for Anyaogu's bail, citing Section 36(5) of the constitution and 341(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code. But the application was opposed by the prosecutor, Sergeant Tuesday Ganagana, who said investigation into the matter was still on.

He said: "We object to the bail of the accused as the offence of culpable homicide is not bailable."

The case was adjourned till October 18 for mention.

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