



Celestine

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A 32-year-old man, Non-lonfun Celestine, a Junior Secondary School dropout, is now in police net in Lagos for allegedly parading himself as a medical doctor.

The suspect admitted he was

operating with a fake medical certificate.

Celestine, according to the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Fatai Owoseni, conducted surgery on a pregnant woman which resulted in the woman's death.

The suspect was said to have been running a clinic, "Be well in third millennium clinic and maternity home," at Tomaru area of Liverpool in Apapa where he

Pregnant woman, baby die in fake doctor's hands

had been posing as a medical doctor and rendering various medical services since 2005.

The father of two, however, got himself into trouble when he conducted a surgery on a pregnant woman who died alongside her baby.

The family of the deceased petitioned the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba to investigate the woman's death.

When police operatives stormed the clinic, it was discovered that the suspect, who hails from Badagry in Lagos State, had been running the clinic with fake certificates.

Investigations later revealed that the University of Ibadan Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery certificate, certificate of annual practicing licence from the Medical and Dental Association of Nigeria (MDAN) and the Certificate of Registration of Business from Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) were all fake.

Celestine said he was enrolled in an auxiliary nursing school in Benin Republic before returning to Nigeria.

He said: "I am from Lagos State but my mother is from Benin Republic. I lived with my mother for over 18 years in Benin Republic and it was there I graduated with a certificate of

nursing and returned to join my father in Nigeria in 2004. I started selling drugs at Badagry but later moved to Tomaru in Apapa area where I started a clinic and taking care of the sick's within the community.

"The pregnant woman was brought to the clinic by her husband and her brother about 4a.m. on November 12. She was convulsing seriously. I administered first aid treatment but she did not get better. About four hours later, I called her husband to take her to another hospital for proper medical assistance, but he begged me to continue trying my best because he didn't have enough money to take her.

"He gave me N8,000 to continue with the treatment and left. He came back about 8p.m. I carried out a surgery on the woman and she gave birth to a baby boy who died almost immediately he was delivered?

"Two hours after, the mother also died. I called the husband who was at the waiting room and gave him the news. He was bitter about it. He, however, came with his family members to take her remains and the baby for burial.

"I learnt the woman was buried the following day. I was surprised when some men came to my clinic to look for me."

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