

Woman, 40, kills own day-old baby

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A 40-year-old woman, Foluke Owolewa, has been arrested by the police in Ogun State for allegedly killing her own baby.

The suspect was said to have killed her day-old baby over the alleged failure of her husband to take care of their two other children.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the arrest of the suspect in a statement issued in Abeokuta.

Oyeyemi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, stated that the incident occurred at Ipamesan area of Sango, Ota.

The PPRO explained that the Chairman of the Community De-

velopment Association (CDA) in the area reported the matter at the Sango Divisional Headquarters.

He said: "The suspect delivered the baby this morning (yesterday) but before anybody knew what happened, she had killed the baby girl."

"Immediately the case was reported, the DPO, Sango Ota Division, SP Akinsola Ogunwale, led detectives to the scene at No. 17, Ilupeju Street, Anishere Unity Estate, Sango, Ota where the woman was promptly arrested.

"On interrogation, the suspect claimed that her two other children are not being taken care of by her husband, hence her reason for killing the baby which she believed will be an additional burden on her."

Oyeyemi stated that the baby's body was recovered to the station

and later released to the woman's husband.

The police spokesman disclosed that further investigation revealed that the suspect had attempted to kill one of her children.

He added: "It was gathered that she once threw one of her daughters into pit latrine on delivery but the baby girl was lucky to be rescued."

Oyeyemi said the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, had directed that the suspect be transferred to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID).

He added: "The CP therefore appealed to members of the public to always be mindful of what is going on around them so as to give useful information to the police."