

motorists to a halt. The kidnappers quickly surrounded the bus

persons were abducted and taken into the bush."

Suspected kidn

Lady checks into hotel with lover, found dead

Uchenna Inya

ABAKALIKI

The body of a yet-to-be identified lady was at the weekend found decomposing in one of the rooms of De Crown Garden Resort Hotels, located at No 18 Afikpo road, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State.

There were speculations that her vital organs were removed, but this turned out to be a false alarm. The only things noticed on the lady were machete cuts, inflicted wounds on her chest and neck.

The lady was discovered after a customer, Sylvester Oduma, who lodged in one of the rooms at the hotel, perceived a stench from a room close to the one he booked into. This made him uncomfortable, forcing him to alert the hotel management. The management had to contact the police because the door of the room was locked. When the door was finally opened, the decomposing body of a fair lady was discovered. She was alleged to have checked into the room with her lover identified as Uchenna.

Oduma said: "Immediately a team of policemen were contacted. The policemen opened the room and the stench from the room increased. The police and others saw the gory sight.

The entire hotel workers, who were at work, were taken to the police station for interrogation. The lady's body also had several machete cuts injuries. There were injuries on her chest, neck and other body parts."

The hotel manager, Emmanuel Eze, said he was on a three-day journey when he was called and notified of the incident. He disclosed that he was the one that quickly invited the police to unlock the door and evacuate the remains of the deceased.

Eze recalled: "I was on a three day journey when the incident happened, but as soon as I was briefed, I informed the policemen, who went to evacuate the corpse. Upon my arrival, I was arrested. When the policemen found out I didn't have any link to the incident, I was released on bail. The murder of the lady might not be for ritual purpose as her vital organs are still intact."

The Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Loveth Odah, confirmed the incident. According to her, the deceased was actually found in a pool of her blood following deep cuts found on her chest and neck.

Odah added: "The identities of both the accused simply known as Uchenna and the victim are yet to be known."

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