

Woman sets female police officer, her 2 children ablaze in Anambra

A middle-aged woman has been arrested for allegedly setting a police woman and her two children ablaze in Nnokwa, Idemili South Local Government Area (LGA) of Anambra State.

The suspect, identified as Nneamaka Nwosu, a native of Amawbia in Awka South LGA of the state, was said to have come in contact with the deceased when she became homeless following a divorce.

A resident of the area, who pleaded anonymity, said the suspect (Nwosu) had gone to live with the police woman shortly after she became homeless and in dire need of accommodation following her divorce from her husband.

"As soon as the husband divorced her, she confided in the policewoman who benevolently offered her accommodation in her apartment.

"On that fateful day, she quarreled with the police woman which led to a fight. She hit the police woman on the head with a pestle and she fell and became unconscious.

"She quickly tied the police woman and her two kids together with a rope inside their room and set them ablaze together with the building," he said.

It was gathered that the suspect was apprehended by local vigilante and some villagers who were attracted by the fire, while she was trying to escape.

When the vigilante interrogated her, she initially denied

the act, claiming it was a case of gas explosion while the deceased and her children were boiling water.

Nwosu later confessed to the crime, attributing it to handiwork of the devil.

"I did not know what came over me that made me commit the crime. I deserve to be shot dead for this wicked act against the person who helped me in my time of need," she said.

Confirming the incident, the Anambra State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, said that the suspect had been arrested and the bodies of the police woman and her children deposited in the mortuary.

Ikenga said that the case had been transferred to the State Investigation Department (CID) for further investigation and prosecution.

He said, "Preliminary information reveals that the police woman accommodated the suspect while she was searching



Police team

for a house.

"The two women had a disagreement which resulted in a fight before the suspect hit the woman police on her head with a pestle.

"While she became uncon-

scious, she tied her with her two kids and set them ablaze. The bodies of the victims have been recovered and deposited in the morgue. Further development shall be communicated," Ikenga promised.

Assault: Absence of magistrate stalls Seun Kuti's trial

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The trial of Afrobeat star, Seun Kuti, was yesterday stalled due to the absence of Chief Magistrate Adeola Olatunbosun of the Yaba Magistrates' Court.

Olatunbosun is said to have resumed her administrative leave. Consequently, the matter was adjourned until September 27, 2023, for the continuation of the proceed-

ing.

It would be recalled that the Lagos State Police Command had arraigned the Afrobeat musician on May 16, 2023, after being charged with assault on a police officer; an offence contrary to Section 356 of the Criminal Code Act.

The youngest son of the Afrobeat legend, Fela Kuti, was arrested on Monday, May 15, for allegedly assaulting a police operative on the Third Mainland Bridge in Lagos.

Recall that the case was earlier adjourned until July 3 for advice of the Lagos State Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Before this time, Magistrate Olatunbosun had in her ruling on May 24, 2023, declared that the police cannot be the complainant and also the prosecutor of the case.

Olatunbosun consequently ordered Kuti's remand for 48 hours.

She, however, held that the singer should be admitted to bail in the sum of one million Naira with two sureties in like sum, at the end of