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### Lovers Found Dead in Their Car

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#### **Late Najib... who died with his lover in their car**

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It was a terrible and tragic weekend for some lovers at both ends of the nation's poles.

While some two lovers, who had gone missing were found dead in their own car in the northern city of Kano, a young man, in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa-Ibom State, got so pissed with his ex-girlfriend and admittedly killed her, and hastily buried her in a shallow grave: an old neighbourhood laterine

The Kano love birds, Najib Aliyu Yunusa and Nadiya Sherrif Abdu Gwammaja were found dead Monday night at the premises of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) in Kano. They were both in their Volkswagen car.

Both Najib and Nadiya have been earlier declared missing by members of their families who have been searching for them but had no inkling of their where about.

Late Najib a grandson of Kano-based prominent businessman and his friend Nadiya were said to have become friends through Face book, a social network. They were in their early 30's.

A family source told THISDAY that Najib, a father of two children arrived Kano on Friday from Abuja where he worked as a Petroleum Station Manager in Azman Filling Station. It was gathered that after brief pleasantries at home, he soon zoomed off to go visit his heartthrob Nadiya in her family house at Gwammaja Quarters in Kano metropolis.

The two lovers, according to the source, must have proceeded to the quiet hospital's parking space after he picked her. The visit to the park must have been to afford them serene and uninterrupted emotional communion. But it turned out tragic, as they were later found dead in the car at the premises of the hospital, in circumstances that are yet foggy.

Nadiya, who separated from her second husband after the collapse of her first marriage, had earlier left information at home that she will take time off to visit the family of her immediate past husband to commiserate with them over the demise of one of the husband's relations.

"She left home along with her sister Fatima and her six year old daughter, Jamila. Since then, we had no trace of her where about until when a family friend called to inform us about this terrible incident that she was found dead along with her male friend inside a car, the source disclosed.

But for the very offensive odour that was fouling up the air within the hospital premises, nobody would have found the dead lovers. Sources explained that the continued bad smell prompted the curiosity of the hospital; staff, who began to look every nook and cranny within the hospital precinct to confirm the source of the bad smell. That was how the lovers were found dead in the car, with their bodies already decomposing.

Eye witnesses recount that Shamsu Aliyu an elder brother to late Najib, collapsed when he saw the corpse of his brother as police were trying to open the car.

Shamsu was then rushed to the hospital's emergency ward where he was given first-aid treatment before he recovered.

Spokesman of the hospital, Alhaji Aminu Inuwa confirmed the incident and said that the hospital was awaiting police report to conduct the autopsy in order to confirm the cause of their death.

The Police Deputy Public Relations Officer, ASP Magaji Musa Majiya confirmed the incident and said that investigation is going on to ascertain the cause of death.

Meanwhile, a 27-year-old man has been arrested by the Police in Akwa Ibom State for allegedly killing his girl friend for unknown reason.

The suspect simply identified as Etido and alleged to be a staff of Julius Berger Construction firm in the state was said to have killed his lover on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 and hurriedly buried her in an abandoned pit toilet within the neighbourhood.

Sources said the girl friend, a seamstress was beaten and strangled to death by the Etido at her residence on No 20 Ikot Akpan Omon Street in Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased who hailed from Ikono local government area and the boy friend from Ikot Ekpene local government area were still leaving within the same vicinity after their love affair had gone awry and thus separated last February.

Nobody within the area was said to have known what happened until after few days when the Etido called the younger brother of the girl friend in Lagos to inform him that he has killed the sister.

The brother of the deceased who was surprised to hear about the incident reportedly called the eldest brother of Etido to find out if the information was correct.

Sources said Etido eldest brother immediately went to his brother to confirm the information. It was while he went on fact finding that he noticed an unusual heap of refuse behind the brother's residence. On a closer look, he was said to have noticed one of the arms of the buried lady jutting out of the shallow grave.

The incident was reported to the village head of the community who in turn alerted the State Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) in the area.

The police detectives were said to have further swung into action and arrested Etido while the body of the girl friend was exhumed last Sunday and taken to a mortuary.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Etim Dickson yesterday confirmed the report saying he was still waiting for the full report of the incident from the Divisional Police Officer in charge of the Ikot Ekpene local government area.

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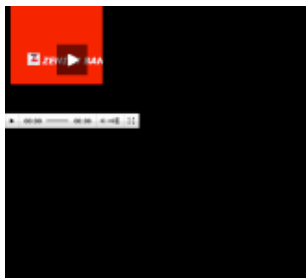
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