

Police arrest 3 over murder of pregnant woman

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LAGOS — The Police in Lagos have arrested three persons in connection with the murder of a pregnant lady whose lifeless body was Wednesday found at Adeshina street, Ogba, Lagos. The suspects include the deceased's boyfriend, his elder brother and sister.

The deceased simply identified as Mariam, from Benue state, was said to have been four-month pregnant for her boyfriend named Julius Odigie.

Police sources at Area 'G', Ogba said preliminary investigations revealed that the deceased who was former employee in a popular Hotel in Ifako, Ogba, was raped before she was shot dead.

One expended cartridge was reportedly found at the scene of the incident and a bunch of keys which the deceased clutched to even in death. The bunch of keys is said to be those of one of the suspects identified as Douglas Odigie, elder brother to the deceased boyfriend.

Police sources also told *Saturday Vanguard* that the deceased left her boyfriend's house that fateful day after a heated argument over paternity of the pregnancy. The late Mariam was reported to have left with a promise to bring members of her family to her boyfriend's house the next day.

Confirming the incident, Police spokesperson, Mr Olubode Oja-juni, said the corpse had been removed and deposited at the public mortuary for autopsy while investigation is still on.