

Man in police net for stabbing wife to death

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TRAGEDY struck in the Ogui area of Enugu last week as a technician stabbed his wife to death over a domestic matter. The suspect was weekend being interrogated by detectives of the Enugu State Police Command.

The suspect, identified as Monday Nnamani, a native of Akpugo in Nkanu area of the state, reportedly used broken bottle to stab his wife, Mrs. Chilota, severally, until she slumped and died few meters away from their residence.

An eyewitness told *Sunday Vanguard* that "when Monday saw that the wife was dead; he dragged her body and kept it near an electric pole to give the false impression that she was electrocuted. But he forgot that some neighbors saw what he did to his wife." Monday, who specialized in the repairs of air conditioners and refrigerators, resided at No. 214 Urban Area, off Omeife Bus Stop, in Ogui New Layout, of the coal city with his wife before the recent disagreement which led to the untimely death of his wife, a hairdresser and a native of Obosi, a town near Onitsha, Anambra State.

It was learnt that the marriage of the couple was blessed with three boys and two girls, although their relationship had always been like that of cat and mouse until the fateful day when the matrimonial squabble came to a head.

Trouble started when the diseased was allegedly chased out of their matrimonial home by her husband following a heated early

morning quarrel. Following the development, the technician was said to have called in his girl friend, simply called Destiny, an HND student of marketing at the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT), Enugu to warm the soup for him since his wife ran away.

"Destiny entered their room, opened the cupboard, brought out the stove and soup pot. She was in the process of warming the soup when Chilota suddenly returned and demanded to know who gave her authority over her soup pot," an eyewitness narrated.

Prior to the tragedy, there had been rumours that Monday and Destiny, a next-door neighbour, had engaged in a "Romeo and Juliet" relationship. And when Chilota saw her in her matrimonial home, with her cooking utensils, she was convinced that her husband and the "intruder" were lovers.

The highly enraged Chilota, in her early 30s, allegedly grabbed a kitchen knife and threatened to attack Destiny said to be a native of Arochukwu, Abia State.

But unknown to the mother of five, death was lurking around her as the confusion that ensued thereafter claimed her life. Monday came in while Chilota and Destiny were exchanging words and allegedly vowed that he would kill Chilota before she could do any bit of harm to Destiny. He was also said to have threatened to kill any neighbour in whose room Chilota might seek refuge.

"He began to chase Chilota until both ran outside the yard. At a point Chilota vowed never to run further. She said if Monday

wanted to kill her, he was free to do his wish. And Monday used the bottle he had already broken to stab her several times until she slumped and passed on," the eyewitness said.

Chilota, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the Eastern Nigeria Medical Centre, Enugu by sympathizers for urgent medical attention but the effort yielded no dividend as she was confirmed dead by doctors at the hospital.

Destiny reportedly took to her heels just like Monday, who disappeared after the incident. But the assailant was later arrested by the police after hiding for few days and weekend was helping the police in their investigation.

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Mike Abattam, who confirmed the report, said that Chilota actually died during the incident but that the actual cause of death would be determined by the post-mortem investigation which the police had already commissioned.

He said that Monday had been arrested and was being detained while investigation into the matter continued.

Council boss lame Badagry Express

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THE Chairman of Olorunda development council, Honourable Olatunji Ogabi, has expressed concern over poor state of Badagry Express road. He told *Sunday Vanguard*: "This road is