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## Security guard kills landlady, carts away dollars, jeep

Written by George Onah  
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A businesswoman, mother of four, Mrs Esther Ebomode, was killed in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Saturday night by her security guard (gateman) and her thousands of US dollars and jeep stolen shortly after arrival from the United States.

Also, a gunman, driving in a 190 Mercedes Benz car, opened fire on a group of men sitting at a place, along Mile Three Park, Saturday night, killing one, injuring eight others, some of them critically and drove off unchallenged.

The gateman, Mr. Zakariah Dauda, from Southern Zaria, Kaduna State, who was employed only six days earlier, was, however, arrested by eagle-eyed policemen, at Imo River checkpoint while attempting to drive Ebomode's Toyota Jeep out of Rivers State .

Briefing the press, yesterday, state Commissioner of Police Bala Hassan said "yesterday night (Saturday) a man connived with some of his cohorts to murder one Mrs Ebomode, who resides at No. 1 Okusanya Close, Cocaine Village, Old Aba Road. But this morning my men were on patrol at Imo River (Bridge), when the young man came to pass in a jeep. He was flagged down and under interrogation he offered to give N40,000 bribe

The policemen became suspicious and on searching the vehicle they recovered a heap of US dollars totaling about \$7,000. The finding further aroused their suspicion on how a young man of his age could have that kind of money. He was later taken to Mopol 19 Squadron.

There, it was revealed that the boy was working with the woman at the address mentioned, whereby he conspired with three other persons working around there to kill the woman with a heavy ion rod and was trying to run out of the city when the police intercepted him".

But Dauda, the suspected murderer, later told the press that "two days after I was employed as a gateman some of my colleagues, who also work in the neighbourhood, as gatemen, cooks and washermen, came to tell me that I was lucky because my madam is a very rich woman.

They said she had just arrived from America and that in their place when a woman has such money, they would team up and cheat, kill the woman or steal her money. I was informed by one Calabar boy.

On that day (last Saturday), they came and drank garri in my place and we arranged. I went to the house and met the woman trying to prepare akamu (pap). I offered to help but she declined, telling me that she had almost completed the work.

On informing my colleagues, (three of them), they warned me to be careful that I should execute the job without attracting attention. I later went out picked a rod and hit her on her neck as she was in the kitchen, backing me

We later took all her dollars (79 pieces of \$100) and I gave some thousands of the US dollars to my colleagues, after which I took many of her belonging, bags, suit cases, electronic sets packed them into her jeep and drove off before the police arrested me".

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**HEIGHT OF WICKEDNESS**Written by [IDOWU](#), on 26-05-2008 06:59 , IP: 196.3.61.4

Just read the story of the woman killed by her security guard. For God's sake, what is the world turning to? how can a human being be that callous? My fear of these okada riders and houseboys who hang around and live in uncompleted plots in neighbourhoods is justified. i have always seen them as security risks, and if the statement of the accused (he was only employed six days before!) is anything to go by, it was these miscreants who sold the treacherous idea to him. God help us in this country called nigeria. i now know why my wife insists she does not want a househelp and sends clothes to a laundry instead of me hiring someone to do the laundry periodically at home. These set of artisans are a lot of security risk!

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