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## Pastor rapes girl to death inside church

Written by Evelyn Usman

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The gory sight of nine-year-old Covenant Elijah in one of the rooms of a church in Iyana-Era area of Badagry Lagos, was not only mind blowing but ear-tingling. A teeming sympathetic crowd had quickly gathered with eyes bugling to behold the lifeless, violated body of an innocent girl whose mother, out of determination to find a spiritual solution to her daughter's strange behaviour, only ended up in the claws of the devil himself, thereby sending her not just only to an untimely grave but with an untold torture and excruciating pains which could only be imagined than described.

Covenant's unprepared journey to the land of the great beyond started few years after her mother Mrs Arit Bassey, reportedly noticed some strange behaviour in her. Efforts to proffer a lasting solution, saw her taking her daughter from one spiritual home to the other, until she landed at Miracle Deliverance Church International, where to her greatest shock, rather than living up to its name, the reverse was the case, as Covenant was found stone dead in the pastor's room naked, with blood gushing out of her virgina.

Crime Guard investigation revealed that the unsuspecting mother was introduced to the Edo State-born Pastor Henry Ovotoka by one Essi, a member of the church, last month. The clergy man reportedly asked that the child be brought for deliverance with an assurance that all would be well at the end of the deliverance exercise. Mrs Bassey then left the church after the visit with a resolve to bring her daughter, little knowing that her predicament then was nothing compared to what awaited her.

On July 25th 2008, a Friday to be precise, the desperate mother, in the company of Essi, reportedly set out for the journey that unknown to her will spell doom for the family. Later in her confessional statement to the police, Mrs. Bassey said the pastor started praying in tongues as soon as they got to the church. According to her, "At a point, he stopped after two hours of praying and said my daughter was possessed. He asked if Covenant had eaten and I answered in the negative.

He said it was even better so that she could start a three-day fasting that would usher her to the deliverance proper. He claimed he was acting under the instruction of God. By then it was getting late and it looked as if it was going to rain.

"Since the Pastor insisted that the prayer and fasting period would be done in the church, I decided to rush home to pack some of my clothes and other perishable things I left outside. But when I got home, it was too late for me to go back. Therefore I called Essi, the Lady that introduced me to the Pastor to give my daughter wrapper with which to cover herself, with a promise to check on her the next day."

Crime Guard learnt that she was unable to make it the next day being July 26th. Then on the third day, with great expectation that all was going to be over, she made for the church to take her daughter but to her greatest shock, she did not see both the Pastor and her daughter.

Being a Sunday, some of the worshipers had started assembling on the open plot of land used as prayer ground. The perplexed mother narrated: "At that point, I became curious and went to Essi's house to enquire about the Pastor. She tried him on his phone but there was no response. All we heard was that the phone was switched off."

Apprehension set in at that point and she reportedly rushed to Ijaniki police division to alert them of the disappearance of her daughter. A policeman was said to have followed Mrs Bassey, who was weeping and at the same time praying for the worst not to happen. But the heaven at that moment seemed to be silent, as the rudest shock of her life occurred at the church, when the policeman reportedly broke the wooden door of one of the rooms, only to be thrown off balance by the sight on the floor.

Right on the floor was Covenant Elijah who could barely be recognized. She was reportedly found stark naked with clot of blood in her virgina, stone dead! The agonizing cries of Mrs Bassey as she kept on shouting 'Jesus' rent the air. This alerted some worshipers who also exclaimed in their different dialects and ran out of the room upon sighting the lifeless remains of the nine-year-old Covenant. But Pastor Ovotoka was no where to be found. Even as you read this story, the Police are still making frantic efforts to trace him.

Crime Guard reliably gathered that preliminary investigation suggested that the late Covenant died of exhaustive sex while the clot of blood from her virgina indicated forceful and deep

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penetration. It was also discovered that she took no food during her stay with the self acclaimed man of God.

Ironically, the owner of the land used as church is also a member of the church and he also witnessed the gory incident. Unfortunately, the Police felt that he has some explanations to make over the ugly incident and subsequently arrested him. He is currently being detained at the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, alongside Essi, the woman that introduced Covenant's mother to the randy pastor.

#### Security hints for general public

1. Do not encourage your domestic servants to harbour unknown person. They could be thieves studying the position of things in your premises.
2. Avoid spending nights with free women.
3. Avoid sudden and friendly offers of soft drinks, fruits and even food from people unknown to you. You could be drugged.
4. Don't board a taxi with strangers. They may be robbers.
5. If air-conditioners are installed, make sure that they cannot be removed from outside to prove entry for thieves.

Beware of gorgeously dressed young men with heavy brief cases, as they could be armed robbers hiding their weapons therein. Remove any object which can aid an intruder into your house, for instance, ladder.

If you are driving and observe that you are being followed by a particular car, drive straight to the nearest Police Station rather than to your house. Provide adequate security for cash in transit, including the use of Police escort.

Help the police to help you and let us join hands to rid our society of crime. It is our collective responsibility.

Report suspicious movement within your vicinity to the Police. Never you confront criminals as your life is very important.

Call the Police on the following distress numbers: **R.R.S 775715, 08023127351-6, Police Control Room Emergency/Distress Call Tel. Nos. 01-7745705, 01-7745706, 08060357795 199, 997, 470381, 4720387, 472388, 4720389, 470390.**

#### MISSING PERSONS

1. One Chukwuka Ekeh 'm' aged 45yrs, dark in complexion, speaks Igbo and English Languages fluently. If seen contact one Owo Okorie 'm' of No.53, Ogungbayi Street, Mushin Lagos or Oshodi Police Station.
2. One Okoli Bartholomew Odunaka 'm', fair in complexion, speaks Igbo and Pidgin English Languages fluently. If seen contact one Calistus Okoli 'm' of No.2, Adesiga Street Oregun Ikeja or Alausa Police Station.
3. One Affiong Etim T aged 16yrs old, about 5ft tall, black in complexion, speaks Calabar and English Languages fluently. If seen contact one Densis Effiong 'm' of No.6 Joseph Erieh Street, Arida Pab Bus Stop Ikotun Lagos or Ikotun Police Station.
4. One Ugochukwu Nwaneri 'm' aged 14yrs, dark in complexion, speaks Igbo and Pidgin English languages fluently. If seen contact one Iwu Tony Iwuonyeribe 'm' of No.2, Sanni Ashimu Close Ologufe, Awoyaya Ibeju Lekki Lagos or Elemoro Police Station.

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PEUGEOT 206 S/CAR	AZ 190 KWL	ASH ASWANI DIV.
TOYOTA JEEP	BW 20 KR	GREY ASWANI DIV.
TOYOTA CAMRY S/CAR	RK 874 KJA	WINE SHASHA DIV.
HYUNDAI S/CAR	MC 683 AAA	RED SHASHA DIV.
VAVAGEN VANAGON BUS	XJ 90 AGL	WHITE TRINITY DIV.
M/BENZ 230	LS 782 KJA	ASH IJUDIV.
VOLVO S/CAR	CN 348 LND	ASH A/ADELE DIV.
TOYOTA COROLLA	PU 689 KJA	BLACK LAYENIDIV.
TOYOTA CAMRY	EG 804 ARJ	BLACK IKOYI DIV.
TOYOTA JEEP	FM 669 EKY	BLACK OGBA DIV.
HONDAHALLA	NK 363 KJA	BLACK IJAIYE DIV.
HONDA ACCORD	JU 166 KJA	GREEN G/ESTATE DIV.
AUDI 80 S/CAR	NL 829 AAA	RED IPONRI DIV.
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M/BENZ S/CAR	AQ731KSF	MILK B/THOMAS DIV.
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2. One Lexus AG 3000 S/Car with Reg. No. HQ 368 AAA, Colour Ash. If seen contact one Ugoka Chioma 'f of World Furnishing Nigeria Limited at No.53, Adesiyan Street, Ilupeju or Ilupeju Police Station.
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#### God will expose them all

Written by [Bro. Ogugua Chinedu E.](#) on 16-08-2008 05:18 , IP: 134.146.0.54

Let us be rest assured that God will gradually expose and humiliate all the fake pastors who parades themselves as ministers of God thereby deceiving the innocent masses. Was it not just last week that a young girl who gave her life to christ during counseling confess to my greatest surprise that her boy friend whom she has been sleeping with is a pastor. The so called pastor even asked her to go with him to a 6 day crusade where he was invited to minister as guest speaker, WHAT A PITY!. FOR GODS SAKE! THESE PEOPLE MAKES THE GOSPEL OF LITTLE OR NO EFFECT!

Some people are praying somewhere! expect more!

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#### Miserable

Written by [tony](#), on 16-08-2008 05:47 , IP: 88.90.140.125

Nigeria is a miserable Nation full of Evil men. I'm always careful with Nigerian so called Pastors parading around the Globe.

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Written by [Freddy](#), on 16-08-2008 06:59 , IP: 212.85.86.126

The above story is not only shocking but, it is one in many evil that hold that 'country' hostage. Using the name of God to dupe has become a multi billion £\$€ industry.

The question is.. where are we heading to as a people or as a 'country'?

About the police, it is rather funny to read but that they are now to be run to in the time of need.. But, can one trust Nigerian police to be a place to run to? It is often said that a robber is rather easier to strike deal with than the Nigerian police. However, now they seem to have started changing their notoriety, I think it will make sense to have an emergency number that is not more than 3 digits, so people can memorize them.. like; 122,113,121,123 ....

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Written by [Ifenayi Chukwu](#), on 16-08-2008 10:24 , IP: 80.78.18.98

I WISH TO REGISTER MY CONCERN ON THE HIGH INCREASE OF RAPE IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY. PLEASE, I WANT THE OFFENCE OF RAPE TO BE MADE A LIFE IMPRISONMENT CASE. VICTIMS SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK UP AS A LOT OF THEM SWALLOWS IT JUST TO LET THE SLEEPING DOG LIE.

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Written by [michael](#), on 16-08-2008 11:46 , IP: 84.127.200.222**"LET THE READER USE DISCERNMENT, THE TIME APPONTED HAS DRAWN NEAR"**

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**spiritual solution**Written by [Isaac Mgbo](#), on 16-08-2008 12:27 , IP: 89.19.65.222

The mother of the young girl is one of those myopic Nigerians who will go all lenght searching for spirutual power where there is none.

The problem of the young girl might be one of those minor problem associated with minors in their growing stage which am sure she must overcome at her maturity stage.

The pastor have shown that he is one of those pastors of doom that are bringing the names of pastors of GOD to question. The death of the young girl is mysterious and the police should do all within their power to arrest the pastor and bring him to book as a deterrent to others who are in the habit of rendering spiritual solution and at the same time having canal knowlege of their worshippers.

Nigerians should learn from the lesson of pastor KING who is waiting for the hang man to go because of the murder committed in his church and sexual abuse with his worshippers.

From all indications i know the excruciating pains mrs Bassey is going through now, for loosing her daughter, but i pray her to submit all to the wish of GOD, but the pastor should not be allowed to go unpunished.

Isaac Mgbo, Dublin Ireland.

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**same feather**Written by [Ola Kehinde](#), on 16-08-2008 21:41 , IP: 121.120.194.114

though it wrong to pass a swoop condemnation and castigate all pastors, but with the trend of events in Nigeria, it seems very difficult to trust any pastor, if this doesn't raped, the other will be an arm-robber, at pen-rubber by courting with people in corridor of power to dupe nation through presidential 'tax wave'

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**Headmaster**Written by [kurt gladsky](#), on 17-08-2008 14:42 , IP: 65.208.83.70

See Tinder. It happens even in bible believing bible teaching churches. You guys are just in the lead. Kurt

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Written by [Sarah](#), on 18-08-2008 16:58 , IP: 66.162.209.66

Nigeria is not a nation full of evil men. But there is a problem with blind faith in religious men. Mothers especially seem to be willing to sacrifice their children for what they perceive as salvation.

What is needed here is severe criminal prosecution of the pastor and the mother and/or parent who did not protect her child.

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**Miracle Deliverance Church International**Written by [anajemba igweilo](#), on 19-08-2008 12:53 , IP: 58.8.7.34

In collaboration with Christian association of Nigerian (C.A.N), Nigerian government should consider new regulation on the establishment of churches in Nigerian especially for most of this Pentecostal churches

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