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A plank seller has been arrested by the Oyo State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), in Ibadan, for allegedly aborting a five-month-old pregnancy which led to the death of his client. The suspect, (name withheld), said he had a secondary school certificate and that he had been in the illegal job for two years.

According to him, he dabbled into the medical profession when his plank business went under. And, since there was no other business he deemed fit, he said he opted for the job he was not

Speaking with newsmen at the police station, Mrs. Toyin Adediran, a friend to the deceased, who said she took her to the fake doctor, explained that, "The mother of the dead woman asked me to take her daughter to the man to get the five-month-old pregnancy aborted.".

She said Mrs. Ronke Sunday (the deceased) had had a misunderstanding with her original husband which led her to go to another man. "Though her mother settled the quarrel, she asked her to abort the pregnancy and go to her first husband. I did not know she would die."

The fake doctor told Vanguard that: "After trying to force the foetus out with Oxtocin injection, the woman started bleeding and we rushed her to Adeoyo Hospital, she was later referred to the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan. There, a doctor tested the woman and certified her

"I didn't collect any huge amount from her. She only gave me N2,500. I didn't intend to kill her. This was the first abortion I have ever done for her," he pleaded.

Asked if he was qualified to do the job, he added, "I attended Modakeke High School in Osun State and finished in 1983. After my secondary education, I went into plank selling. When things went rough, I now considered having a clinic.'

The 'doctor' was paraded with other suspects who were arrested in connection with child trafficking and possession of hard drug.

The Public Relations Officer of the State Police Command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, told newsmen that the suspects would soon be charged to court.

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