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## Wife kills HIV husband over sex

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Many fought back tears in a Makurdi Magistrate court midweek when a middle aged house wife was arraigned for allegedly whacking the head of her husband with a stick when he demanded sex from her, leaving him dead in his own pool of blood.

According to the accused Mrs. Agbase Nenge Agidi, her late husband was few months back diagnosed of HIV/AIDS and since then it was the practice of both parties to always have sex with the husband using a condom.

She stressed that the arrangement was to enable them always have intercourse without hindrance and also precautionary to avert a situation where she would be infected by the husband who was already a carrier.

But on the fateful night she could not decipher what actually got into him as he completely discarded their gentlemanly agreement saying that her late husband demanded for sex and insisting that he would not make use of a condom as was the practice in the past.

She said that her refusal angered the man and he pounced on her wanting to do it forcefully and her refusal angered him the more leading to her being assaulted and battered physically by the man.

As if that was not enough, the late husband dashed out of the house grabbed hold of a stick and struck her severally with it despite her repeated plea for mercy. According to Agbase it was at this point when she couldn't stand the torture anymore that she grabbed the stick and struck her husband with it on his head and he immediately passed out even before help could reach him.

The woman explained that she never intended to hurt her late husband nor kill him but she acted in self defense given the several beating she received from the man without restraint.

Meanwhile prosecution in his testimony corroborated the woman's testimony, he told the court that the accused few days back ran to the Vandeikya police station at about midnight with a report that her late husband whose name she gave as Godwin Agidi demanded sex from her and when she refused on the grounds that he must use a condom because of his HIV/AIDS

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grounds that he must use a condom because of his HIV/AIDS status the man became violent.

He stressed that the quarrel that ensure got to a head when the late Godwin dashed out of the house got hold of a log of wood with which he struck his wife severally.

And in a bid to defend herself from the repeated assault from her husband, she managed to disarm him and grab the stick with which she struck her late husband on his head and he fell down bleeding.

But bothered by the impact of the strike and the reaction of the husband after the strike the woman dashed out seeking for help to take her husband for medical attention but he died before help could reach him.

According to prosecution during investigations and interrogations the accused woman confessed to the offence saying that she acted in self defense.

Prosecution further noted that investigations into the matter was still ongoing hence asked the court to adjourn the case for a later date to allow for continuation of investigations and further hearing.

In his ruling the trial Senior Magistrate Mr. Austin Tyorwuna ordered that the accused be remanded in prison slating the case for the 2nd of February for further mention.

When contacted a relative of the accused woman who spoke to Saturday Vanguard on the unfortunate incident lamented that the woman he described as peaceful personality could find herself in this pathetic situation.

He stressed that his sister truly acted in self defense and without any intention to kill her own husband since they had been living peacefully despite his HIV/AIDS status.

Her relative further observed that the willful submission of herself to the police in Vandeikya without prompting goes along with way to vindicate her of any ulterior motive.

He thus pleaded with the courts to have sympathy on the accused and temper justice with mercy.

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