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Nigeria: Jealous Man Kills Wife

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THE Anambra State Police Command has arrested a 60-year-old Nwankwo Nnabuobu, who allegedly murdered his wife over allegation of infidelity.

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Also in the police net is a 17-year-old girl who threw her five month-old baby girl into a pit because, according to her, she could no longer afford to feed her. Both were paraded along with several other suspects involved in various criminal offences in the state in the last one month.

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Nnabuobu, who claimed to be a farmer and a palm wine taper, told reporters at the police headquarters in Awka that he could no longer bear the alleged illicit affair between his wife, Adanma, and her lover, adding that when he confronted her on the issue, she told him to go and die and it was that statement that angered

her into cutting her with a matchet.

He said that the climax was when his wife eloped with the man with the N130,000 he saved for feeding their six children and used the money to buy a motorcycle, a generating set popularly called "I pass my neighbour" and a stove.

He said he reported the matter to the police at his home town, Achalla in Awka North Local Government Area, adding that even when the police arrested the man, his wife was sending food to him in detention from her matrimonial home.

For the 17-year-old Ozioma Ezeude, who threw her baby into a pit, her reason was that her mother abandoned her with the baby and she had to throw her away to regain her freedom because the baby was disturbing her and she could also not afford to take her to hospital whenever she fell sick.

She added that her cousin who impregnated her had disappeared from the village and there was nobody to run to for assistance, as her mother relocated from their village in Ezinifite in Nnewi South Local Government Area for Delta State.

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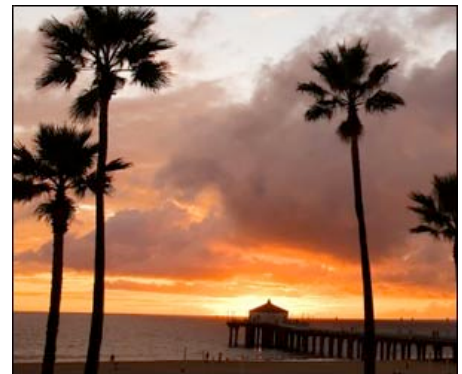


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