

Man butchers ex-wife

BY TONY NYONG

UYO—A 55-YEAR-OLD man, identified as Udo Ubom, aka, Anansa, from Ikot Obong village, in Essien Itiaba, Nsit Atai Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, weekend, butchered his ex-wife, and thereafter turned himself over to the police.

Anansa, a Bakassi returnee, it was gathered, killed the former wife, (name withheld), in broad daylight for allegedly having an affair with another man, a former friend of his, whose nickname was given as Obong Ekpe, before the two love birds, parted ways when things took a funny twist.

Close sources said efforts by relatives to get the randy lady to go back to her former husband proved abortive.

Anansa who had reported the unfaithfulness of the wife to family members and friends in the community, it was gathered, on the fateful day was attending the burial of a certain man in the community, when he saw his

former friend hand in hand with the unfaithful wife. Fight broke out between the two jealous lovers but they were separated.

Luck ran out of the woman, when the Bakassi returnee, quickly went for his neatly sharpened machet

and cut the wife into parts. Meanwhile a 30 year-old woman, Miss Martha Usoro, who was bathed with acid, by the former lover is one of the many victims of valentine tragedy, now receiving treatment in the hospital.

Martha, a native of Una Ikot Akpa Inyang, Essien Udim Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State is now suffering serious pains at the cottage hospital, Ukana I Ntuen after being bathed with acid.

....As suspected ritualists kill car driver in Warri

BY EMMA ARUBI

WARRI—SUSPECTED ritualists, yesterday, killed a 42-year-old taxi driver and father of two, removing his vital organs on the busy Refinery Road, Effurun, near Warri, Delta State.

The man was identified as James Ocheja, an Igara by tribe and said to be residing at Ekurode Urhobo area of Warri with his wife and children before he met his untimely death.

He was said to have been contracted on charter by some unknown persons Sunday evening and never returned home.

Police authorities at the

Ekpan Police Division told Vanguard that they discovered the remains of late James inside his taxi out of curiosity, explaining that while on night patrol along the Refinery Road, they saw the car by the road side with its headlights fully on.

Continuing, the police source said on their way back late in the night, they still discovered the car parked at the same spot with lights still on and decided to check it out, only to discover the corpse of the late James inside the car with all the vital organs removed.

A search on him through the vehicle particulars was

what led to his identification and subsequent notification of family members. "His GSM phone may have been taken away from the murderers to avoid being traced," the source added.

The corpse of the late James was deposited at Warri Central Hospital morgue by policemen from the Ekpan police station.

The Divisional Police Officer, DPO, "A" Division Warri, a Chief Superintendent of Police Okon Effiong confirmed the incident, saying the police from Ekpan Division brought the corpse in company of relations of the deceased.