

# 14-yr-old allegedly kills pal over 'girlfriend'

**E**KPOMA—POLICE in Edo State have arrested a 14-year-old student (names withheld) for the alleged killing of another 16-year-old student (names withheld), in Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government Area of the state.

One Miss Perpetual was also arrested in connection with the incident which occurred on Monday.

The suspect was alleged to have stabbed the deceased five times in the head with a broken bottle after a disagreement over "a girlfriend."

The victim was rushed to Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital, ISTH, Irrua, Edo, where he eventually died.

It was further learnt that the suspect, the deceased and some others had left a popular drinking spot at Ekpoma moments before the incident.

Divisional Police Officer in Ekpoma, Mr. Amos Opadoja, confirmed the incident,

adding that the case had been transferred to the state Police Command in Benin City.

## Ex-Edo Speaker's wife's abductors demand N100m ransom

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**B**ENIN — ABDUCTORS of wife of former Speaker of Edo State House of Assembly, Mrs Phidelia Omokhodion, have demanded N100 million ransom.

It will be recalled that the former Speaker, Mr. Bright Omokhodion's daughter and sister were kidnapped last year.

Mrs Omokhodion was abducted, Tuesday, close to Sapele Road area by gunmen while she was returning from work.

*Vanguard* learnt that the abductors contacted the family, yesterday, demanding N100 million, which they said must be paid before tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, governorship aspirant,

Mr. Jacob Idinye, has lamented what he described as the spate of insecurity in the state, and appealed to the Federal Government to build a mini port in Agenebode to create jobs for youths.

He said: "The insecurity problem we are having in Edo State is as a result of unemployment. I appeal to Federal Government to build a dry port here. All they need to do is to dredge the river in Agenebode. River Niger passes through that area.

"We can have a mini port to generate employment and revenue.

"We have that kind of port in Jos and some Northern parts of the country. Jos does not even have a sea.

"The problem is that we must move away from a civil service state to an industrialised one."