



## Nigeria: Mother, 28, Strangles Two-Day Old Boy to Death

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Benue State Police Command has apprehended a 23- year old mother, Joy Iember Iorua for allegedly killing and dumping her two- day old baby boy, at the River Ujiiragbo, in Gwer local government area of the state.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the suspect was arrested at Mbasa-Mbakine Gee council ward by members of the vigilante group operating in the community who handed her over to the Police in Aliade, the local government headquarters.

According to our source, the suspect who lived along Ayua-Num street, in Aliade town, was delivered of the baby a week ago and two days later, she allegedly strangled the innocent baby to death.

"After killing the baby, she wrapped his remains in a polythene bag, put him in a carton and dumped it at the popular Ujiiragbo River.

"The dastardly killing was however exposed when members of the vigilante group on patrol in the area, got wind of her action and her intention to escape from the community for fear of being apprehended.

"They trailed and arrested her after which angry members of her community descended heavily on her before handing her over to the Police at Aliade.

"The truth is that this is not the first time this type of allegation is being leveled against her, and that was what prompted the angry reaction of the people who were outraged by her action".

When contacted, the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, for Aliade, Superintendent of Police Bitrus Madani who confirmed the arrest, disclosed however that the suspect had been transferred to the state command headquarters for further interrogation.

Madani who expressed dismay at the increasing crime wave in the local government area vowed that the Police would not relent in its task of ensuring the safety of lives and property of the people in the area.

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