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Mysterious death in Lagos: Pregnant woman found dead in front of lover's house

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An unknown lady identified as Adeola was, recently, found dead at No. 21, Oshoba Close, Itire, Lagos. The deceased who was said to be pregnant had come to visit her lover, one Raphael Agboola, on the 14th March 2016, before the unfortunate incident happened. Her lifeless body was found on a cushion outside the compound the next day.



Crime Guard gathered that the deceased whose family is yet to be located, had been in a relationship with Raphael, a 57-year-old welder for about three months. Trouble, however, started after Adeola who is about 25 year old told Raphael that she was pregnant for someone else.

It was learned that Raphael who was heartbroken by the development had sent Adeola out of his house. Thinking that Raphael would change his mind, Adeola had passed the night outside where her lifeless body was found.

Raphael became the prime suspect as detectives from Itire Police Division were alerted about the development. On his path, the suspect says he knew nothing about her death and that he only met her one fateful day in January 2016, and that he had no canal knowledge of her.

His story, He said, "I am from Kwara state. I met Adeola while I was going to church on the first Sunday of the year in January 2016. I saw her walking along Wuraola bus stop in Mushin area of Lagos. I was attracted to her, so I stopped her and tried to woo her and she accepted. I gave her my house address to come and check on me later that day.

"She came that afternoon as agreed and during our discussion, I asked her

where she was from and she told me Oyo State. I also asked her about her parents and she told me they were both dead. I then asked her who she was living with, she told me she was living with an aunt. To prove to her that I really wanted a serious relationship, I told her I would want to see her aunt. We agreed to go there on the Thursday of same week. We exchanged phone numbers and I told her to call me on that Thursday so that I would know where to meet her and then proceed to her aunt's house. After our discussion, she left. I did not even touch her that day.

Lover became elusive

"Surprisingly, Thursday came and I heard nothing from Adeola. I called her later to know why she did not stick to our plan. She told me she was busy and could not make it. I saw reasons with her and told her it was not a problem and that we could always fix another time. The relationship continued on phone, but she never visited my house again. It was, however, unusual when after sometime, her number was no longer going through. I just took it as one of those things since I do not know her house or even have anyone to ask of her whereabouts.

Re-appears

"It was, however, amazing when on the 14th March, 2016, when I returned from work at about 7:30 p.m, my neighbour told me someone had been waiting to see me. I asked her who it was and she said it was a lady. I did not take my neighbour serious and even after she showed me where the person sat, I could not recognize the person. So, I walked straight into my apartment. I was praying when I noticed

someone walk into my apartment. I chose to finish my prayer before

attending to

whoever it was. When I finished and raised my head, I noticed it was Adeola. I was surprised and asked her what brought her to my place since she did not bother to check on me all this while.

Pleads for help

“She told me she was pregnant and needed help. I asked her who was responsible for the pregnancy and she told me the person ran away when he discovered she was pregnant. I then asked about her aunt she was living with, she told me her aunt had sent her packing after she discovered she was pregnant. I also noticed she had a terrible cough. So, I told her I could not help her situation. I asked her to go back home and beg her aunt. She left my house and I refreshed that night and went to bed.

Shocking discovery

“It was, however, surprising when the next morning, at about 7a.m., one of my neighbours, a Muslim cleric informed me that the lady who came to look for me last night was lying dead on a cushion outside my compound. I rushed out and noticed she was the one. I was confused and could not explain what had actually happened to her. My neighbours, however, alerted the Police at Itire division about what had happened. I was arrested and subsequently transferred to the State Criminal Investigations and Intelligence Department (SCID) Panti Yaba.

My hands are clean

“Sincerely, I have nothing to do with Adeola's death. I did not kill her and did not even have the slightest clue that she did not leave that night. If I am vindicated, I obviously will stay off women because I have seen a lot. I have

been married twice on different occasions and they both left me with my two children because I was not wealthy. I had kept to myself not until when I meet Adeola.”

Police call for help

The police are, however, calling on members of the public to help trace the family of Adeola as they have not been able to locate any family member or friend of the deceased while police sources said investigation is on to ascertain the actually cause of her death.

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