

Inspector, lover found dead in Awka

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Awka—MANY residents of Awka, Anambra State capital, abandoned what they were doing, weekend, to catch a glimpse of a man, identified as a police officer, and his lover, a member of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps, NSCDC, allegedly killed by fumes from a power generating set.

The name of the policeman, an Inspector and a father of three, could not be ascertained, but the name of the NSCDC staff was given (withheld). She was a mother of five. They were found dead in the third floor apartment of the policeman at Ezinifite Okpuno village in Awka South Local Government Area.

Neighbours said the police officer's family lived in Lagos, while the NSCDC officer's family lived in Awka.

According to the information, Ifeoma had told her husband that she was attending a church vigil, only to end up in her lover's house, nearby.

An eyewitness said: "The woman spent the night with her police lover, but both did not wake up until a labourer, who was to work for the deceased policeman, came in the morning and discovered their bodies.

"On discovering the bodies, the labourer rushed out and alerted neighbours. The neighbours followed the labourers to the apartment and confirmed the incident before a relative locked up the compound to prevent the large number of people trooping access to the apartment."

One of the policeman's neighbours said: "I heard the sound of the generator until 4a.m. That may be when the fuel finished. I was surprised when we were told that two people died in the flat."

He said that the late police officer, who lived on the third floor of the house, hardly stayed around. He added that neighbours know he is around when they hear the sound of his power generating set, as it runs throughout the night.

The building, it was gathered, belonged to the younger brother of the deceased police officer.

Security operatives, comprising local vigilantes, the police and men of NSCDC, later arrived at the scene, dispersed everybody and took the corpses away in an ambulance to an undisclosed hospital.

Anambra State Police Public Relations Office, Mrs. Nkeiru Nwode, however, said the man in question was not a member of the Nigeria Police Force, adding that the woman's identity was yet to be ascertained.

She, however, said that she was yet to be fully briefed on the incident.