

Only 2 persons've died in my clinic, says fake nurse with 11-year 'experience'

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A 32-year-old Junior Secondary School 3 dropout, Celestine Yonlofun, has been arrested for operating an illegal clinic in Tomaru, Liverpool area, Apapa, Lagos, where a pregnant woman allegedly died while giving birth.

He told *Vanguard* that only two persons had died in his clinic since he started operating in 2005.

The suspected fake nurse, who hails from Badagry, Lagos State, told *Vanguard* that he was trained as a nurse in Benin Republic after dropping out of school due to lack of money to further his education, after which he opened a clinic, where he sold drugs and administered treatment on unsuspecting patients.

According to the suspect, after dropping out of JSS 3, he went to Immerse Ecole Infirmiere Nursing School, where he didn't graduate again for lack of funds, before going to work with Paradis Terrestre Hospital, where he got his certificate as a nurse.

Qualifications

Vanguard gathered that the suspected fake medical practitioner, who has been operating since 2005 got his fake University of Ibadan certificate from a friend, when his quest to register the clinic with Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC, was turned down due to the questionable nature of his nursing certificate from Benin Republic.

Yonlofun, who said he was an Ambassador of Tolu Medical Centre, said about two Saturdays ago a pregnant woman, who was in labour and convulsing, was brought to his clinic at about 4a.m. by her husband and a few relatives.

How the pregnant woman died

According to him, he observed her condition till 6a.m., and realising that he could not handle the situation, offered to transfer the case to Tolu Medical Centre but the

husband, who is a bricklayer, begged that he should help him because he had no money to take her there after paying him N8,000.

He said he tried his best, but the woman delivered a dead baby at about 8a.m and then gave up the ghost two hours later. The family took her body away and buried her on Sunday.

He confessed that since he had been operating as a fake medical practitioner, only two persons lost their lives in his clinic. One died some years ago and the family did not make any case about it.

Vanguard learned that the suspected fake nurse was arrested following a petition to the police by the community leaders about the illegal clinic.

While parading the suspect at the Lagos State Police Command Headquarters yesterday, the Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, said the suspected fake medical practitioner was arrested with MBBS certificates from the University of Ibadan, a Dental Society of Nigeria certificate and a Corporate Affairs Commission certificate—all fake.