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volunteering useful information  
to help in the arrest of the  
kidnappers.

## Physically-challenged kills, disposes of her newborn in Ughelli

By Perez Brisibe

**UGHELLI**—A physically challenged nursing mother was, Monday, arrested by policemen from the Ughelli 'B' Division for allegedly killing and discarding the remains of her newborn baby boy hours after giving birth at Ughelli, Delta State.

The nursing mother, simply identified as Elohor, who is in her mid-20s, resides with her mother and siblings at the Iwhrekpokpo axis of Ughelli.

Though Elohor's mother was not at home when she gave birth, *Vanguard* gathered that two of her siblings were in the house with her when she went into labour.

One of her neighbours, Efemena Obakpo, told *Vanguard* during a visit to the scene of the incident yesterday that "she had actually put to birth at home unassisted the previous day and it was the cry of the baby that attracted neighbours, who helped her cut off the placenta."

Giving details of how the incident occurred, Simon Ohwo, who witnessed the incident, said: "After the joy heralding the birth of the baby the previous day, well-wishers and neighbours had come to check on the newborn baby and mother only to discover that the baby was nowhere in sight."

"Upon interrogation, Elohor told them that the baby's father had taken the child away in the middle of the night when it was discovered that the baby was having difficulty in breathing."

Owho further explained that not comfortable with her story, one of the neighbours decided

to interrogate one of her siblings, who allegedly admitted that Elohor had forcefully given the baby hot water to drink after which she allegedly tied the nose and mouth of the baby in an attempt to suffocate the child.

"When she noticed that the child was dead, she put him in a sack, filled it up with refuse and plantain peels, then gave it to a mentally-challenged man roaming the area to help her discard it in the morning as refuse," Owho stated.

He said: "Following this revelation, a search was carried out on all the dump sites in the area only to actually discover the remains of the baby in the sack as disclosed by her sibling."

Confirming the incident, the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Andrew Aniamaka simply said: "There is a report to that effect at the 'B' Division Ughelli and it is subject of investigation."

However, further investigation by *Vanguard* revealed that Elohor has since



Elohor

been released by the Police owing to the inability of the police to keep her in custody as a result of her health condition.

A security source at the station, who confirmed her release to *Vanguard*, said: "She has not been totally let off the hook."

"One of the conditions for her release is that the family should take care of her and they should be reporting to the police station on weekly, while investigation lasts."

## Pregnant woman, 5

By Daud Olatunji

**ABEOKUTA**—A pregnant woman and five others were reportedly killed, while two others sustained severe injuries, Tuesday night, when a granite-laden Volvo truck and a Nissan Bluebird car collided along Ajebo Road, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, TRACE, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said the Nissan Bluebird had number plates FD 638 EKY, while the Volvo truck had KJA 731 XP.

He said the casualties were all passengers in the Nissan Bluebird, including the driver.