

# 60-yr-old man who fled after dumping lover's corpse nabbed

●Says 'she was alive but unconscious when I brought her home'

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**T**HE Ilemba Hausa Division of the Lagos State Police Command has arrested fleeing Stephen Uwa, who allegedly dumped the corpse of his lover, a single mother of five, at her apartment in Imuda, Ajagbandi area of Lagos, last Thursday.

However, Uwa told the police that when he brought the woman home, she was alive but unconscious.

*Vanguard* gathered that the deceased, Joy Vincent, aged 45, had been going out with the suspect for long, without any of her five children and relatives knowing where her lover lives.

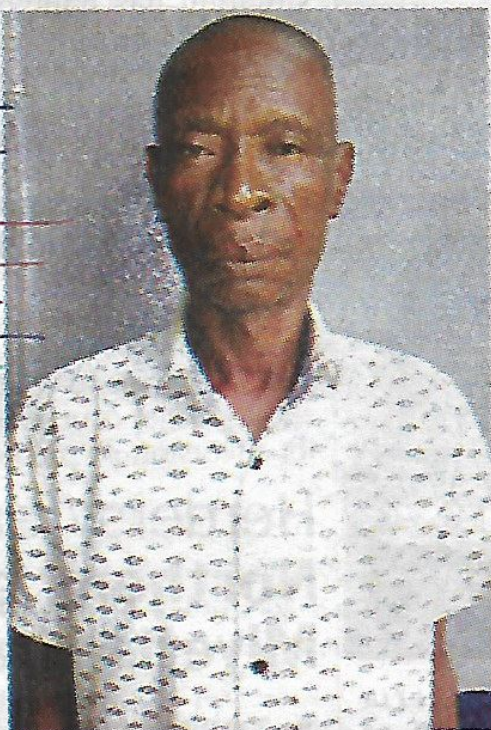
Tension set in last Thursday after one of her children returned from school to meet his mother's lifeless body on the couch, in their one room apartment located on Oshja Arigba Street.

Stephen, declared wanted by the Police, was arrested two days later.

## Her son's cry

When *Vanguard* visited the deceased's home, her eldest son, Christian, said: "I wasn't at home when it happened. But Ikye (his younger brother) said Stephen (suspect) drove here, in the company of a man and two other women.

"He met one of our neighbours



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and requested that they call Ikye, whose school is located on the next street, to bring the key to our apartment.

"When Ikye came, Steven told him that our mother was sick and sent him to call my aunt, Esther, who lives at Alafia Street, which is about five minutes walk from our house. But when my brother and aunt arrived, Steven was nowhere around.

"But he had laid my mother's body on the bed and covered her with a wrapper, as if she was sleeping. I still can't believe my mother is gone because she was hale and hearty as at Wednesday."

On her part, Esther Okereke,

the deceased's younger sister, said she became suspicious when she saw her sister motionless on the bed.

Her words: "When I realised that she was stone cold, I raised alarm and reported the matter to the Police. When we checked my late sister's hand bag, we found a mixture for stomach pain.

"She never complained of stomach ache before. What she usually complained of was leg pains because she was huge."

## The suspect

The suspect, Stephen Uwa, confessed to have brought his lover home on the said day, disclosing that she visited him last Sunday, but complained of stomach ache on Thursday morning.

He said: "At the time I took her home, she was unconscious but alive."

*Vanguard* learned that the remains of Joy Vincent had been deposited at the Badagry General Hospital mortuary.

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Chike Oti, stated that the 60-year-old suspect and the two women, who assisted him to take his lover home, have been arrested.