



Mother of 4 whose husband lives abroad dies during abortion for pastor ●She didn't tell me about pregnancy, abortion—*Love pastor*

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BENIN—THE 32-year-old pastor of a Pentecostal church, Ngbeken Elvis, has been arrested over the death of 38 years old mother of four, simply identified as Mama Sarah, following complications from an abortion.

Elvis, suspended by the church (name withheld), was having an affair with the deceased for over six months before the incident.

Husband of the deceased is

said to be based abroad, but built a house for his family at Okhokhugbo community in Egor Local Government Area of Edo State, where the late wife and children lived.

She reportedly died at a hospital she was rushed to after the complications developed.

Elvis, who is currently in Police custody at Egbuotubu, claimed he was suspended from the church over marital issues.

He said his wife was in the habit of always fighting him

since their marriage in December 2016 and was suspended by the church because he could not settle his marital problems.

It was gathered that the family of the deceased's husband were demanding refund of her bride price, insisting that Elvis take care of the burial expenses after performing the marriage rites for the late woman.

She asked me to move in with her—Suspect

Elvis told journalists: "I was just posted to Okhokhugbo branch, when I was suspended because of my marriage.

"I knew this Mama Sarah when she was ill. I prayed for her and she promised to reward me.

"We started dating, but her children were not aware. When one of her daughters suspected after some neighbours questioned my visits to their house, she

threatened to throw her out. "She asked me to move into their house three months ago, until I can get an apartment and I was staying there. I am an orphan. I didn't plan to get into this mess.

"She didn't tell me she was pregnant. I was not aware she went to procure abortion. I am really ashamed.

"I have prayed to God to forgive me. I am now remorseful. She used to give me N1,000 or N2,000 to run errands for her."

Police nab

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