

transport company along Okpe suspect would lay an ambush, lure her and most times located where he kept her and after questioning, the station confirmed that the suspect was arrested and detained "and he is still in our custody."

## as drugstore owner allegedly kills woman during abortion

FOR allegedly causing a woman's death by giving her abortion drugs, a 34-year-old drug store owner, Augustine Udemba, was yesterday, remanded on the orders of a Yaba Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos.

Oluwatoyin Oghere ordered that Udemba should be kept in Ikoyi Prison pending advice from the state Director of Public Prosecutions.

Udemba, a resident of Church Street, Badagry, Lagos, is facing a count charge of murder.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Modupe Olaluwoye told the court that the accused committed the offence on Jan. 11, at 8.30p.m. at Stay Fine Hotel, KM 47, Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

Olaluwoye said that the accused, in his shop at Badagry, prescribed abortion drugs for Miss Ugochi Ogbonnaya to enable her to get rid of her pregnancy.

According to the prosecutor, Ogbonnaya later started having stomach upset, and Udemba took her to the hotel to spend the night and left her there.

Olaluwoye added: "That evening, the lifeless body of the deceased was found on the bathroom floor of the hotel naked and bleeding from her private part."

"She was rushed to Badagry General Hospital by the hotel staff, but confirmed dead on reaching the hospital."

"My Lord, the hotel staff were able to identify the accused as the person who took her to the hotel and investigation further revealed that he had carried out an abortion on her."

The prosecutor said the offence contravened Section 222 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015 (Revised).

The accused's plea was not taken and Oghere adjourned the case till April 10 for hearing.

## Edo APC House of Assembly candidate kidnapped, orderly killed

By Alemma Aliu

**B**ENIN—ALL Progressives Congress, APC, candidate for the Edo House of Assembly, Mr. Michael Ohio-Ezomon, was yesterday reportedly abducted by unknown gunmen from his house at Eme-Ora, Owan West Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the hooded assailants forcefully gained entrance into the APC candidate's compound, while others took positions outside and also allegedly killed his police orderly.

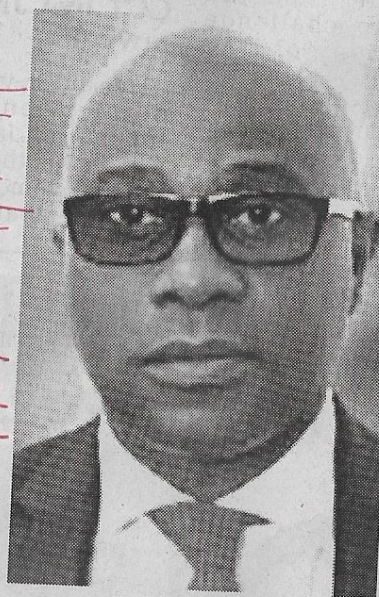
Aggrieved youths in the area took to the street in protest and barricaded roads leading to the community with heavy logs of wood. The state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, had to engage saw-millers to cut the logs before they were cleared off the road.

Chairman of the local government, Mr. Frank Illaboya, speaking on the incident, yesterday, in Eme-Ora, said Ohio-Ezomon was abducted by three gunmen around 1a.m., yesterday.

According to Illaboya, the candidate's orderly was killed by the abductors who whisked him away through the window.

His words: "It happened at 1a.m. in his house at Owan West and his Police orderly was actually killed."

"From what we heard from the



TAKEN: Mr. Ohio-Ezomon

driver, they shattered the window with bullets and entered into the room and took him away. Up till now, we don't know his whereabouts; no contact yet."

Edo Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hakeem Odumosu, told journalists at the scene of the incident that it was a case of kidnap and murder.

According to the Police boss, "it is a case of kidnap and then murder. They broke into the compound and first went to the boys quarters where the police orderly was sleeping and

killed him, which is to first check any resistance and then went into the four-bedroom bungalow where the victim was and broke the window to gain entrance into the building.

"Three of them went inside the house, while the others were guarding the building outside. One of the three that went inside wore a hood and hand gloves, which means there is an insider that is likely to know the terrain and doesn't want to be identified."

"They are not assassins if they wanted to kill him, they had the opportunity but they just took him out. He was the one that even opened the door for them to move out but they went through the window after damaging the panes."

"They first killed the orderly who they believe will constitute resistance and then made the others to lie down and somebody was watching over them while the others went inside the house," adding that investigation has begun, as the kidnappers went away with the victim's phones.

Meanwhile, the body of the orderly has been deposited in a mortuary in the area.