

Man falls to death from 2-storey building in Lagos

By Evelyn Usman

TRAGEDY struck, weekend, at 27, Alli Street, Lagos Island when a man, who was sleeping on the staircase of a two-storey building fell while trying to change position.

The 25-year-old victim, identified simply as Halidu, was rushed to the hospital where he was confirmed dead as a result of loss of blood from a deep cut in his forehead.

Late Hamidu, a loader at Lagos Island, was said to have lived in the area for four years.

One of his colleagues, who simply gave his name as Ismail, said: "The staircase served as home for my friends and many of us since we don't have money to pay for house rent in Lagos. We load and offload goods for traders.

"Last Friday, we all retired to the building. Halidu took his bath, ate and discussed with us before retiring to his side of the staircase.

"By 12.20 am, we were alerted by a disturbing noise. Halidu had fallen from the staircase when he wanted to turn from one side to the other. He did not only land on the concrete floor, his head landed on an iron rod that pierced into his forehead.

"We rushed him to the General Hospital but he was not attended to. Rather, we were asked to take him to the Orthopedic Hospital at Igbobi or the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, LUTH.

"By the time we got to LUTH, it was about 2.10 am (Saturday).

The doctor on duty examined him and told us to take him back because he had lost much blood and may give up any moment. As we were taking him to Igbobi, he died. We had to take him back home.

"When we contacted his family

in Kebbi State, we were told to bring his remains to the village for proper burial. They said he had a wife and three children.

"His corpse arrived at Kebbi State by 10.30 pm on Saturday. He was buried on Sunday morning."

Trader arrested for raping, impregnating mentally challenged woman in Lagos

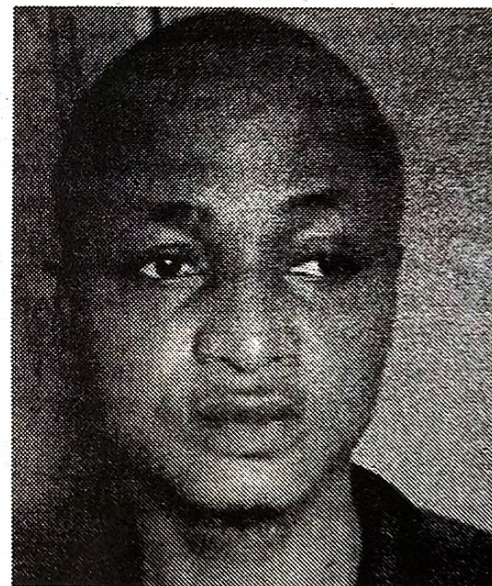
By Esther Onyegbula

OPERATIVES of the Lagos State Police Command are currently investigating a 38-year old trader, Ikechukwu Nweze, for raping and impregnating a mentally challenged woman in the Ikorodu area of Lagos.

It was learned that a few months ago, Ikechukwu Nweze took advantage of the victim's mental condition, who had gone to purchase some items from his shop, and had carnal knowledge of her.

However, trouble started when the victim's mother, Margaret Adebayo, discovered that her daughter had become pregnant.

According to Margaret Adebayo, who lives at 26, Bolumade Avenue, Omitoro area of Ikorodu, "it was after my daughter became pregnant



Ikechukwu, the suspect

that I knew what had happened.

"When I questioned her, she revealed that it was Ikechukwu that was responsible for her pregnancy. She said that the incident happened when she