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# Man arrested for killing 6-month pregnant wife

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**T**HE Lagos State Police Command has arrested one Anthony Ikpeama over his alleged involvement in the death of his pregnant wife, Adaeze.

He was alleged to have beaten 28-year-old Adaeze to a coma at their Lagos residence last Saturday. Neighbours, who witnessed the fight rushed her to an undisclosed hospital, where she was placed on oxygen.

Not done, the suspect was alleged to have gone to the hospital and removed the oxygen mask, causing her to breathe her last.

He immediately fled the vicinity and took cover at Ajah area of Lagos, where he was arrested.

A neighbour, who spoke to Vanguard, revealed that trouble started for the deceased shortly after her marriage to Ikpeama in 2014, as her husband turned her into a punching bag, even after having two children for her husband.

The neighbour, who spoke on



*The Suspect, Anthony.*



*The late Adaeze.*

condition of anonymity, said: "Even when relatives from both sides intervened several times by pleading with the suspect to stop beating his wife, he remained adamant and continued to beat the poor lady any time they disagreed. COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown resulting to staying at home made the domestic violence worse as it became a daily ritual."

Confirming the arrest, spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command, CSP Olumuyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the incident, said, "the 'woman died on April 10, 2021, after she was admitted for pregnancy-related complications. The suspect, Anthony Ikpeama, has been arrested. The Commissioner of Police has ordered that the matter be transferred to State CID for proper investigation.

Man arrested for beating girlfriend in Lagos