

Woman, 51 kills husband in Rivers, picked by police

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A 51-years old woman, Mrs Gladys Napoleon, arrested by police operatives in Rivers State for allegedly killing her husband, Mr Napoleon Amadi, said she carried out the act in self-defence.

The suspect told newsmen at the SCID office in Port Harcourt yesterday, that her late husband had wanted to kill her with the same machete.

The mother of two, who has been in marriage for over 35 years, narrated that her husband had earlier threatened to kill her and their two children for ritual purposes.

She said: "Why I am here is that on that Thursday night after my husband returned home, he asked me where I went to when he sent me on an errand to amend his trousers. And before I could say anything, he started beating me, saying my cup is filled and that he will use my two children for ritual and thereafter, kill me too for ritual.

"He swore to God who made him that he will use machete to slaughter me this night, that was he not joking. He locked up our bedroom. I was pleading with him to forgive me if I have offended him in any way. That was not the first time he would behave like that.

"Sometimes I complained to his people and when he starts the behaviour nobody would pay a listening ear because if I complain too much they would say I know how my Oga used to do and I should condole, which I always do.

"That particular night he did not allow me to sleep. He was beating me all night. He brought out the machete and I was dragging it with him. That was how I snatched the knife from him and gave him a cut twice on his skull. He fell on the ground and I held him while I called for help.