



# 70-year-old man remanded for allegedly raping, killing teenager in Enugu

**E**NUGU—A 70-year-old man, Anthony Mgbe, from Umuagu, Inyi, Oji-River Local Government Area of Enugu State, has been remanded in prison custody by a magistrate court, sitting in Enugu, for allegedly raping and murdering a 15-year-old girl.

He was docked on a two-count charge brought against him by the police.

He was charged with "unlawfully having carnal knowledge of a minor, an offence contrary to Section 308 and punishable under Section 309 of Criminal Code, Cap. 30, Vol. II, Revised laws of Enugu State of Nigeria 2004.

"Unlawful killing by having unlawful carnal knowledge of the minor, which caused her to bleed to death, an offence punishable under Section 274(1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 30, Vol. II, Revised Law of Enugu State of Nigeria 2004."

According to the information posted on the official social media handle of the Women Aid Collective, WACOL, the organisation said considering the severity of the offence, the magistrate court denied the application bail and adjourned the case till November 22, 2023.

The case was first reported to WACOL by concerned members of the community, who shared that "The man was in the habit of perpetrating violence against women/girls, but always

managed to evade justice owing to the influence of his children, who silenced the victims.

"In light of this, the family of the deceased sought protection from

WACOL and legal intervention to ensure that the perpetrator faced the full wrath of the law.

"Following a petition sent by the WACOL legal team to the Enugu State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mgbe was arrested and charged to court," WACOL said in the statement."

## ....As church worker impregnates 14-yr-old girl in Anambra

**P**OLICE operatives in Anambra State have arrested a 31-year-old married church worker, identified as James Rich, for impregnating a 14-year-old girl.

The father of two works in St. Michaels and All Angels Anglican Church, Ifite, Awka, in the state.

It was gathered that he lured the teenage girl to the church toilet shortly before the commencement of church service and had canal knowledge of her, after which he gave her N200 to buy herself something.

Chidinma Ikeanyionwu, the media

aide of the Commissioner for Women's Affairs, Ify Obinabo, in a statement, said: "James Rich from Cross River State, but resident in Awka, Anambra State, is a yardman at St Michaels and All Angels Anglican Church, Ifite Awka."

Speaking through her Special Assistant, Blessing Nweke, the commissioner disclosed that the matter was reported to her by the victim's guardian.

She said the suspect was apprehended after the victim was certified pregnant, adding that the case would soon be charged to court to get

justice for the victim.

She warned adults to stop defiling young girls, especially minors to avoid spending the rest of their lives in prison as the state frowned at such acts.

The suspect accepted he defiled the 14-year-old and impregnated her in the process.

The suspect who is married with two children and expecting the third, lives in the church premises where he carries out his daily activity.

He pleaded for pardon, stating that this was his first time of committing the crime and that it was a temptation that made him do so.

