

Police confirm killing of man by apprentice



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The police in **Anambra State** have confirmed that a man has been killed by his apprentice.

Police spokesperson, Tochukwu Ikenga, said the suspect had been arrested while the pestle had been recovered from the scene.

He said in a statement: "The male suspect, Chiemerie Anieke, 21, who allegedly used a pestle to strike his master, Mr. Ikechukwu Nwite, on the head, resulting in his death, and also attacked his wife, Mrs. Ogechukwu Nwite, in the early hours of February 15, 2026 in Onitsha, is in custody. The pestle has been recovered from the scene.

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“Preliminary information reveals that the suspect was allegedly provoked by the manner in which the late Ikechukwu admonished him over his bad behaviour, including pilfering money meant for the shop, staying out late at night, and taking drugs.

“Meanwhile, Ikechukwu’s wife was rescued and taken to the hospital, where she is currently responding to treatment.

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“The case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Awka, for an investigation and to ensure that justice is served.”