

# My sister's fiancé killed her days to their wedding – Sibling

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*Chinonso Mmadubugwu speaks to AYoola OLASUPO on the alleged murder of his 35-year-old sister, Ogechukwu, by her fiancé, and their demand for justice.*

*Can you tell us who Ogechukwu was to you?*

Ogechukwu was my younger sister.

*How old was she?*

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She was 35 years old.

***When was the last time you saw her?***

I have not been in the South-East in a while, but I think the last time I saw her was November 2025, and we talked often. We even talked just two days before the incident.

We spoke normally since she was my younger sister. I did call to check up on them to know how they were doing. The conversation was just a normal brother-sister talk.

***Was she based in Anambra?***

Yes, but I am based in Lagos.

***Were you aware that she had a 26-year-old fiancé?***

Actually, that was what the person who questioned the suspect said. But Ogechukwu told us that the guy was three years older than her. So, there's a possibility that the guy didn't give his full, correct details.

***Were you aware that they were both in a relationship?***

I was aware she was in a relationship, but I had not met the person because I'm not based in the South-East. But my younger sister knew him, my mum also knows him because he used to visit them once in a while. Since I'm not based in Anambra State, there's no way I could have met him.

***Did she inform anybody in the family that she was going somewhere before she was killed?***

She informed my mum. The guy visited them on the 8th of December at 8 o'clock, saying that he was not that sick and that he was only having a fever. The guy's name is Chibuike Valentine Anaike. So, my mum told him sorry and that he should go for treatment.

He said he would go for treatment, and that if the sickness persisted, he would go to the hospital. Around some minutes past 9 pm, he left because he lives just a stone's throw from our house. It's a considerable distance from our

house that is trekkable.

Around 10 pm, he called again to say that the sickness was disturbing him and that he was shivering. He asked Ogechukwu to come to his house and help him get better. So, my younger sister told my mum that the sickness had persisted and that she wanted to go and take care of him.

My mum obliged her to go to the pharmacy to get him some drugs. Around 11 pm, my mum called to know how he was doing, and my younger sister said the sickness was serious and that she wanted to stay over and take care of him before taking him to the hospital in the morning.

She always told us where she was going, so it was easy for us to trace her movement. I was in the office when my mum called. So, I told her to go and check the guy's house because it's not far from ours, but the guy was not at home.

***What did your mum do when she noticed that the man was not in his house?***

That morning, my mum called Ogechukwu's number; it was ringing, but she was not picking it. She then called the guy's number. He wasn't responding too, so she had to call the nurse where he was supposed to go for treatment.

The nurse said she had not seen the guy. That was how my mum became scared and the panic started. From there, I told her to check the house directly to know whether they left their phones at home before leaving the house. She went there, but the house was locked.

Then I advised her to go to the police; maybe she might have been arrested after leaving the house late at night. She also went to the police, and they said that there was no such case with them.

They said she should go and check the house again, and maybe call to know whether she would hear the phone ringing inside the house, because that was the only reason they could break in, or else they could declare a missing person only after 48 hours.

So, she went back, applying a little force on the door because it was an iron door. They were hitting the door to know whether it would open or maybe someone was inside, and they were calling her phone too. It was still ringing, but nobody picked up the calls.

They didn't know whether it was ringing inside or outside the house. When they applied a little pressure on the door and tapped on it, the door opened. That was how they entered inside and saw her lying dead there.

The guy was not there, and she was the only one inside the apartment, lying on the bed. Her phone was there. One of the guy's three phones was there. Then he dropped a written note on her before running away.

***What was written on the note?***

He wrote something in Pidgin. He said, 'This nigga dey owe us. We track am down, kill him woman, kidnap am go.'

*After the family saw the note left on her remains, what thoughts went through their minds at that moment?*

They had to call the police back because they knew that they could not tamper with or touch her body. Luckily, my mum went with my cousin's brother, and they were the ones who entered the room.

They went back to the police and told them what they saw, so the police mobilised themselves and came over to see for themselves. I was still in Lagos when they called me, and I told them to carry her to the hospital to confirm she was dead before anything else.

So, they took her to the general hospital, and she was confirmed dead. They then deposited her body in a mortuary. The police, with my cousin's brother, had to go to the hospital to confirm her death in the mortuary, and we couldn't find the guy because he ran away.

*When exactly did this incident happen?*

It was on Monday evening, December 8, 2025. That's when she went there, but it was in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 9, that we found out all this.

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*Have the police progressed in knowing Chibuike's whereabouts?*

Yes, he was caught. I was coming back on the 16th of December, travelling down to Anambra State to know what was going on. So, when I got to Asaba, I received a call that he had been caught.

He ran away but was caught at Ughelli in Delta State. That's where he went to hide. He was then transferred back to Anambra State, where the incident happened. From there, he was taken to the state CID.

*Has he made any confessional statement?*

He acknowledged that he was the one who murdered her. But the reason behind it is what we don't know.

*Didn't he give any reason to the police?*

Certainly, he gave it to the police, and perhaps they didn't want to give us that information. But what I know is that he has confessed to being the one who murdered Ogechukwu. There was every tendency that she was drugged before she was murdered.

***Since there is a suspicion that she might have been drugged, is the family considering an autopsy?***

They did a post-mortem, and the result was sent to Lagos. So, we have not got the results, but they have done the post-mortem here.

The post-mortem only showed the physical damage—the injuries that she might have sustained. But whether she was drugged or not, the results will come out from the lab results in Lagos.

***As a brother, how do you process the fact that she went out of love and compassion to help someone she trusted, and this happened to her?***

I feel bad because we were close. I wouldn't blame her for anything because she went there with good intentions, but it's quite unfortunate that she ended up this way. The person she wanted to save and take care of is the same person who murdered her.

No problem, because that's how God wanted it to be, but this has killed some kind of trust. I will never allow my sisters, cousins or younger ones to embark on such a journey again, no matter what.

I want to advise everybody that no matter how much you love a person, don't go there alone. I cannot trust anybody on that again.

***Did the family have any concerns or reservations about her relationship with the guy before this happened?***

I don't really know the guy because I'm not based in Anambra State. Even in the family, everybody is still in shock. How could such a person do this? That was because of the trust and the way they related.

So, they still cannot understand why he did what he did because they were all like family. My family is accommodating, so they accepted him wholeheartedly.

Meanwhile, the guy had introduced my sister to his mum, and it wasn't a boyfriend-and-girlfriend thing anymore. He had already engaged her. Even the clothes they imported from China, which they wanted to use for their traditional wedding, were already in our house.

***When were they supposed to have their traditional wedding?***

They were supposed to have it either in December or January. I'm not so sure. That was even why everybody was surprised because both families were aware.

***Do you see it as a premeditated crime?***

I don't know what actually transpired, so I'm not sure whether it was pre-planned..

***Are the police treating the case well?***

I really can't tell at the moment, but let me say 60 per cent because I don't know why they have not charged him to court. They brought him back to Anambra State on the 18th of December. So, I don't see why they are still holding him till now.

***What kind of justice are you hoping to get for your sister?***

Let justice take its course. Mine is that I cannot defend the murderer. It's only the law that knows what punishment suits him.

If the suspect is alone or not, let him confess and say the real truth about what he did or why he did it. That's what I'm looking for. After all, my sister is dead already, and nothing could bring her back.

***Has she been buried?***

She has been buried. I've got warrants from the police that they are done with what they are investigating. The investigation is even causing much work because she has a little daughter who always asks about her. So, I just want the daughter to get over it quickly. She was buried on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

***How old is her daughter?***

She should be four years old now.

***Is the suspect the father of her daughter?***

No, he's not the father.

***How has the family been coping with the trauma?***

It hasn't been easy. But God is still helping us. My mother is getting over it gradually. She's a strong woman, and God is still in control, although she has shock sometimes.