

# Police grill man for killing girlfriend in Abia

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The Abia State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of one Edward Okorie from Isiugwu, Ohafia, in the Ohafia Local Government Area for allegedly killing his girlfriend, a young nurse identified as Sophy Chika, during a domestic altercation.

Our correspondent learnt on Tuesday that the incident occurred on Monday, at Isiugwu, Ohafia. The deceased, who hailed from Ozu Abam in the Arochukwu Local Government Area of the state, was reportedly involved in a dispute with her boyfriend before the situation escalated.

It was gathered that the couple had been cohabiting in Okagwe village, Ohafia, for over three years prior to the tragic incident. Community sources claimed that an argument between the two turned violent, leading to the nurse's death.

A source within the community, who pleaded not to be named, said, "The incident happened in the early hours of Monday at Isiugwu Ohafia. They had a misunderstanding, which reportedly escalated, and she was allegedly beaten to death."

Confirming the development, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Abia State Police Command, DSP Maureen Chinaka, said the suspect had been arrested.

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She told *PUNCH Metro* that the Divisional Police Officer in Ohafia informed the command about the incident and that the matter would be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Umuahia, for thorough investigation.

"Yes, the attention of the Divisional Police Headquarters, Ohafia, was drawn to the incident. The suspect has been apprehended, and the case will be transferred to the SCID today (Tuesday) by the DPO," she said.

Chinaka assured the state that the command had commenced an investigation to unravel the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The development has thrown the Abam community into mourning, with residents calling for justice and a comprehensive probe into the matter.