

# C'River: 23-year-old son allegedly slits father's throat with machete



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**Pandemonium broke out on Sunday in Ugep, Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State, after a 23 year old man allegedly slit his father's throat with a machete, killing him instantly.**

**Vanguard gathered that the tragic incident occurred around O 3 Palace, Usaja, in Ikpakapit Ward of the community.**

**The suspect, identified as Bassey Ubi, was said to have attacked his father shortly after the deceased returned from church. The machete attack reportedly resulted in a deep cut to the neck, leading to the father's immediate death.**

**Residents were said to have attempted to lynch the suspect before police officers arrived and rescued him from the mob.**

**Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Cross River State Police Command, ASP Sunday Eitokpah, said the suspect was believed to have acted under the influence of illicit substances.**

**"The unfortunate incident occurred in the early hours of today. The suspect is Bassey Ubi, 23 years old, and he is an alleged drug addict. From the information available to us, it is likely the influence of drugs that made him act in that manner," Eitokpah said.**

**He explained further that the victim had just returned from church when he was attacked by his son inside the house.**

**"It was a deep machete cut on the neck inflicted by the son on his father," the police spokesman added.**

**Eitokpah disclosed that the suspect sustained injuries from the mob before police intervention.**

**"If not for the timely intervention of the police, the suspect would have been killed. He was first taken for medical attention and thereafter detained in our facility for further investigation," he said.**

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**He also revealed that the body of the deceased had been taken to the morgue in Ugep by family members before the police arrived at the scene.**

**The PPRO stated that the Cross River State Police Command, under the**

**leadership of the Commissioner of Police, CP Rashid Afegbua, strongly condemns jungle justice.**

**He urged members of the public to always report suspected criminal activities to the police and warned that jungle justice remains a criminal offence, adding that anyone found culpable would be prosecuted in accordance with the law.**