

Man kills brother over witchcraft allegation, flees



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A man identified as Nwalozie Chiwendu has reportedly killed his family brother, Chidiebere Isaiah, over allegations of witchcraft.

The incident happened at Ofeh Community in Omuma Local Government Area of Rivers State on Thursday evening.

It was gathered that the suspect, Chiwendu had accused his brother, Isaiah of being behind his stagnation in life and that he used a machete to butcher him to death over the allegation.

It was gathered that when the victim fell to the ground in a pool of his own blood that Chiwendu, the suspect, realised what he had done and fled the scene.

Speaking on the development, the Youth President of Ofeh Community, Mr Chinonso Chima, described the incident as unfortunate.

Chima narrated: “Yesterday evening, I got a call from some people in my community telling me about the sad incident that happened between two brothers of the same compound.

“The story is that the younger one carried cutlass butchered his elder brother like meat before people who were around came to hold him, he ran after carrying out the devilish act.

“So when I was called, I told them to quickly rush him to the hospital and I was running down from town to see how we can attend to the matter. On their way to the hospital the man (Nwalozie) died.”

Chima said the matter has been duly reported to the Police, adding that the culprit has took to his heels.

“We have reported to the Police Division within us here, notifying them of what happened and Police have taken note of it.

“The boy that committed the crime is on the run. The community is searching for him everywhere to get him to face the full wrath of the law.”

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Chima revealed that the remains was later deposited in the mortuary with the permission of Police, even as he called for calm.

He said: “Let us not cause more panic in the community. We have done all of that

and we are still talking with critical stakeholders of the community. For now everywhere is calm.”

However, the Police Public Relations Officer of the state Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a Chief Superintendent of Police, confirmed the incident, noting that investigation is ongoing.

She said: “Information at my disposal indicates that the suspect used cutlass to machete the victim to death after accusing him (victim) of witchcraft that made him (suspect) not to prosper.

“The victim’s corpse has been retrieved and deposited in the mortuary. Investigation is ongoing and I can tell you that a manhunt has already been launched with a view to apprehend the suspect and make him face the law.”