

# *Ex-commissioner killed by son in Awka*

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***Awka.***

**I**t was a tale of horror in Awka, the Anambra state capital as a former commissioner for women affairs, Uzo Obi Okoli, is slain by her son inside her bedroom.

The ex-commissioner, who also served as the special adviser on energy and petroleum during the Chinwoke Mbadinuju administration was shot by her fourth son (names withheld) who quickly left the scene and took to his heels.

Uzo Obi Okolo who, until her death, was also a director in Orient Petroleum Resources in Anambra State was reported to have been visited by the said son who carried out the dastardly act.

Okoli was also the founder and proprietor of Mother Theresa Foundation and Tender Love Orphanage in Awka, a non-governmental organisation involved in charity work and the beautification of Awka.

At the Awka country home of late Okoli at Obi-Okoli Avenue, near Nnamdi Azikiwe University temporary campus, sympathisers flooded the imposing mansion while her husband who is the chief executive of Bilante Construction Company was said to have visited Awka and left for Lagos later.

Confirming the incident, the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police Command in the state, Muhammed Musa Kastina told reporters that he received a signal from the Divisional Police Officer for "B" division in Awka about the incident.

"When I received the signal, I mobilised my men and officers of the homicide department and I led them to the place. The security man at the gate allowed us in and we met one of the sons of the late woman who led us to the actual scene of the crime."

"I saw her in a stiff con-

dition and in a pool of her own blood. So we conducted step by step observation with the view to establish the identity of the attacker. I was able to conduct some preliminary investigation that assisted me in drawing closer to the identity of the suspect".

"I picked other clues and we are still waiting for the forensic department of the force headquarters CID annex. I asked of the co-occupants to know the bedroom of the son and on observation, I also recovered a very important clue that led us to classify the woman's son as the principal suspect"

Kastina also said that it was equally discovered that the suspect absconded immediately after the incident to an unknown place with a Mercedes Benz 500 SEL belonging to his late mother, but was quick to announce that he was arrested in Lagos by a team of detectives and the anti-homicide department and is being expected back to Awka as at press time.