

# Horror! Only son matchets mum to death

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**A**NAMBRA state Government, precisely Ministry of Health, Umuchu Community and the Uli community are still mourning the death of Mrs. Antonia Achugamonye nee Ibegbu. She allegedly died mysteriously in the hands of her only biological son, Nnaemeka in what is said to be connivance of the wife, Chizoba at their Okpoko, Onitsha residence, Anambra state. *Daily Champion* authoritatively gathered that at the one storey residence built by late Antonia at Okpoko where she used the down floor as a maternity ward that she is indeed missed by Okpoko people.

The puzzle however, for the police and relatives of the late Antonia was the rationale behind the death as many suspected as what might have led the son to have murdered his mother. The husband Mr. Cajetan Achugamonye from Umuchu Agata local government is currently bedridden as he is a victim of stroke.

*Daily Champion* investigations revealed that Antonia was murdered in cold blood allegedly by her own son on Thursday, November 27, 2008 afternoon. What was the motive behind the killing is the question on the lips of residence and relatives of the late Nurse. A family source for security reasons

would not want to be mentioned in print told *Daily Champion* thus, "I was told that on that fateful night, he lured his mother into their own apartment, just next door and with his wife strangled and inflicted several machete or hammer cuts on the mother whom they later positioned in the nearby bathroom (faking it to be an accident), he later rushed her to Borrower hospital; where the doctor alerted the Police having suspected the cause of the multiple cuts/injuries on my sister and the unreasonable explanations her son offered. She bled to death." "We understand some murder weapons have been recovered including cult hammer, blood stained clothes of the suspects and the victim at the scene of the crime." "The case was reported at the Okpoko Police station by a family member, which has jurisdiction and a week later transferred to State CID Awka. I understand fresh investigations have since commenced". The Anambra state police command confirmed the incident but prayed for more time to conclude investigation before giving out details. Every effort to get the Police Investigating Officer (IPO) to comment on the case proved abortive but the Police Public Relations Officer, Superintendent of Police, Mr. Fidelis Agbo told *Daily Champion*, "we are

still investigating and when we finish our investigation will personally tell you". When pressed further to know the situation of the alleged killer, Mr. Fidelis Agbo, the PPRO Anambra said, "For now don't hinder investigations please". Another insider told *Daily Champion* thus, "I got a phone call from one of my nephews residing in Port Harcourt that Mrs. Antonia Achugamonye (nee Ibegbu) has been murdered allegedly by her 'only son' Nnaemeka about the early hours of the day at their Okpoko Onitsha family residence". "She has three other children by adoption, two girls

and a boy. I made several contacts with relations who equally confirmed the heinous crime which never believed even as speak to you, despite my seeing her corpse at the Borromeo Hospital mortuary last week, Wednesday". Anto, our beloved sister, mother and wife was beloved. She last visited us at Uli on Saturday, November 22, 2008 in the company of her young sister, Ethel-Mary". *Daily Champion* investigations revealed that she runs a private maternity and clinic named "Nnedimma?" at her Okpoko Onitsha residence and married to Mr. Cajetan

Achugamonye of Umuchu. She hailed from Umuoma, Uli. Unconfirmed sources alleged that her son, Nnaemeka is married to a fellow an alleged cultist wife and has a son. They claim to be musicians and had recently produced one album. He is alleged to be very irresponsible and too demanding on his parents, the father is bed-ridden with stroke. Nobody wants to talk about the dastardly act as they are afraid of the police even though they maintained that the nurse while alive had assisted many in that enclave. They are raising questions on the dastardly act especially what happened a few

hours before and after the murder. They were worried that no alarm was raised during the unholy hour and what were all the occupants of the lone building in the compound doing at that hour? Was it that a spell was cast on all the occupants of the House and what kind of accident could have necessitated machete cuts on the nurse? Where there no patients in the maternity at that hour? Who sponsored the killing? Was somebody behind the act because the son despite the trouble he gives to parents has not beaten the mother? Why killing his mother?



• Elder Kalu Ogwu, President Methodist College Old Boys Association (l) with Rt. Rev. Chibuzo Opoko, Secretary of Conference of Methodist Church, Nigeria at a recent function.

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