

Funeral: Vigilante member kills 1, injures 2

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AT least one person was killed, and two others injured weekend, by a vigilante operative at a funeral in Nsugbe, Anambra East Council Area of Anambra State.

According to an eyewitness, trouble started, when the defendant whose name was given as Chikaodili Odieli was allegedly displaying his firing skill at a village market square known as Afia Ilo Nsugbe during the last funeral of one Late Mrs. Adanne Mako Omeze at Abah village in the same

community when a bullet hit Joseph Onyisi Udeze and two others, one simply identified as Madam Nkiru and one other unidentified victim.

Udeze, according to an eyewitness, was rushed to the Multicare Hospital at the 3-3 Area of Nsugbe where he died a few hours later. The other two victims are still battling for survival in the hospital.

However, the youths of the community who were irked by the ugly development, went on rampage and destroyed the building and household

property belonging to the father of Odieli, after the suspect handed himself over to the Police.

The youths, according to the source, also directed that all the members of the vigilante team in the area should stop carrying arms in the day.

A member of the security committee in the area who does not want his name in print, said the committee has contributed some money and built an armury at the 3-3 police station where both policemen and vigilante operatives would retire their arms after

night duty, adding that the vigilante operatives would now sign for arms as from 11.30 p.m. and return them to the armoury at about 6 a.m.

Contacted, the State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mohammed Abbas said he was out of the state and referred reporters to his deputy, Mr. Amusa Bello.

Bello who confirmed the incident said that the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Awka is currently handling the investigation into the matter after it was transferred to it from the 3-3 Police Division.