

84-year-old hunter shoots son to death

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THE story of an American Pop singer, Marvin Gaye and his father, was re-enacted at the weekend when an irate father called Papa Obinna Opara, an 84-year-old hunter, shot his son, Mr. Uche Opara, a former student of Uratta Secondary School, in his compound at Ebikoro, Umuoba Uratta in the Owerri North Local Government Area of Imo State.

Sources, who spoke to the *Daily Champion* on condition of anonymity said the fracas between the two started in the evening of last Saturday, adding that the trouble degenerated into an open fight with the deceased brandishing a strong metal iron as a weapon. This made his father to rush into the house for his double barrel gun.

Daily Champion was told that when the father appeared with his gun, those separating the fight took to their heels and

later there was gunshot and Uche was killed.

Daily Champion further gathered that the deceased was living a reckless life which angered his father, who on several occasions reported Uche to the police. It was further learnt that the deceased would leave his father's house to an unknown destination for weeks without informing any family member. This it was said, annoyed his father who complained several times.

The villagers, who said the

incident was the first of its kind in the area, expressed surprise over the ugly situation. *Daily Champion* gathered that the assailant has been arrested by the Police, while further investigations revealed that the deceased's compound has been deserted.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO), in charge of Uratta Police Station could not be reached for comment on the incident as he was said to be on official assignment. The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) was also not available when our correspondent visited his office.

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