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HOW WIDOW'S SONS KILLED LOVER IN ENUGU

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On May 23, Mr. Kenneth Ishiwu, a health staff attached to Eketé Development Centre of Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State while working with his colleagues had no premonition that he may be inching closer to his grave.

At the end of the day's duty, he went home to meet with his wife and other members of his family after which he stepped out to carry out other personal activities. He also was aware that there will be a wake-keep in honour of one of his friends, Mr. Uche Ezeugwu popularly called Ike Ekweremadu whose compound is a few hundreds of meters from his house.

Later in the evening, Mr. Ishiwu joined other members of the community in the wake-keep. Also at the wake-keep

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was a widow and an alleged lover to Mr. Ishiwu identified as Mrs. Grace Eze whose husband, Mr. Vincent Eze died few years ago.

As the wake-keep continued to gather momentum, Daily Champion gathered that Mr. Ishiwu allegedly moved closer to Mrs. Eze to seal a deal of passing the night with her in her house which she allegedly obliged but with a caveat that he must be sure that her children, Ekene and Chiebuka will not notice the arrangement.

Unknown to Mr. Ishiwu who had earlier been warned by her lovers' children to keep off their mom, one of the two sons of the woman saw when he was conversing with their mother and suspected that the two lovers must be planning something and so alerted the other to keep an eagle eye on their mother.

Their suspicion paid off and they placed a tab on them. After about thirty minutes, the boy discovered that their mom had left the scene of the wake-keep. They also searched for Mr. Ishiwu but could not locate him, so they felt they have both left to satisfy their sexual urge.

In the process,Ekene allegedly sent his younger brother, Chiebuka, to go home and find out if their mother had returned. When Chiebuka tip-toed into their compound, he was said to have discovered that a man was discussing with their mother right in her own bedroom and suspected that the man must be Mr. Ishiwu. He immediately rushed back to the venue of the wake-keep to alert Ekene who quickly followed him back to their house.

When they got to the house, Daily Champion was told that both allegedly armed themselves with machete and pestle respectively and in a loud voice commandeered Mr. Ishiwu out of their mother's bedroom.

When Mr. Ishiwu noticed the harshness of the tones of the two boys and in connivance with his lover he decided to avoid them by escaping through the window. The idea did not pay-off as the boys out-smarted him, caught him and started dealing with him. Their mother was said to be confused as she could not raise any alarm for people to come to the rescue of Mr. Ishiwu.

By the time they finished with him, Mr. Ishiwu was already having a very deep cut in his head with blood gushing out profusely. The two boys haven noticed the critical situation of Mr. Ishiwu, allegedly left the scene scurryingly.

When day broke, Mr. Ishiwu was almost dead but frantic efforts were made to take him to the hospital. When he was moved to a local hospital in Nsukka, the hospital referred him to University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, UNTH, Ituku-Ozalla where he died six days later.

The Police Public Relations Officer,PPRO, Enugu command who confirmed the incident revealed that only Chiebuka had been arrested by Policemen attached to Ibagwa-aka Divisional Police Station while Ekene was on the run.

In the meantime, the remains of Mr. Ishiwu had been deposited at the a hospital mortuary in Nsukka.

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