

Youths burn houses over death of police officer

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Irate youths in Umuodogo village of Egbeda autonomous community in Mbailoli council area of Imo State yesterday set ablaze five houses over the death of a police officer.

The youths were protesting over the killing of their kinsman who was recently promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police. Sources close to the family

told *Daily Trust* in Owerri that before the death of DSP Uchenna Collins Eke, he had disagreements with his uncle and head of the village, Chief Akuta Eke and some family members over a piece of land belonging to the family which the late police officer had taken to erect a building.

The youths who alleged foul play in the death of the 43 year old police officer, were said to have consulted an oracle which accused

some persons as being responsible for his death.

It was gathered that the town union was apparently not satisfied with the findings and carried out a traditional inquiry which allegedly accused the late police officer's uncle.

Angered by the development, the youths mobilized and descended on the extended family of the late police officer and set ablaze about five houses belonging members of the family who fled the village.