

# Community, police bicker over killing of 20-year-old woman

The alleged shooting to death of Miss escaped.

Chidimma Ezeanochie, 20, of Umudansu The police have, however refuted the

Village, Azia Community in Ihiala Local allegation.

Government Area of Anambra by the The petition is entitled "Gruesome

police has angered the community murder of Miss Chidimma Ezeanochie

members. by policemen of Special Unit deployed

Chidimma was shot to death on Nov. from Awka to Orsumoghu on Nov. 25,

25 while running an errand for her 2021".

mother in the company of her 14-year- It is signed by Dr Tonna Nwabueze,

old brother. President-General of Azia General

The community in a petition to the Assembly.

Inspector-General of Police, Usman The community described the

Baba, accused the police of shooting murder as gruesome, wicked and totally

the girl at close range while her brother unacceptable and demanded justice from

the police hierarchy.

According to the petition, Chidimma and her brother were shot at by a team member of the Special Unit from inside an armoured vehicle.

"Fortunately the brother was spared, but the bullet scattered our daughter's head with the brain matter on the ground.

"Presently her body is deposited at a hospital morgue at Okija, Anambra.

"We contacted the area commander of the police on this and he told us that the policemen are a Special Unit from

Awka deployed in Orsumoghu against the proscribed IPOB," it stated.

Reacting to the petition, however, the police in Anambra condoled with the family of Miss Chidimma, but exonerated themselves from her shooting.

DSP Toochukwu Ikenga, Police Public Relations Officer, in a statement, denied the community's claim.

He said earlier that day, a police escort team consisting of seven policemen and three civilian drivers travelling through Azia/Orsumoghu road was ambushed by some armed men. (NAN)