

Killed My Mum'

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CHUKA Okoli, the 27-year-old principal suspect in last Sunday night's brutal killing of the former Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development in Anambra State, Chief (Mrs.) Uzor Obi-Okoli, has confessed to the act, state Commissioner of Police, Mr. John Haruna said in Awka at the weekend.

Haruna said Okoli was arrested and returned to Awka from Lagos, where he had run to in a bid to evade justice, and escape to London.

He, however, declined to give further details as to what the boy said prompted the killing, whether he had accomplices or any outstanding

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disagreement with his late mother.

The Guardian however learnt that part of the statement made by Okoli was that he shot and killed his mother because she kept reminding him

of his past distasteful deeds.

The suspect's state of health, which has remained an issue of concern to friends and relations, was said to be stable and he was very normal.

It was also said that he claimed to have lacked

adequate parental care and affection from childhood, and that he had always run foul of the law in the past, which was why his parents sent him out of the country.

Second in a family of seven, Chuka was reportedly a spoilt and over-pampered child that despite having a case of alleged rape hanging on his neck, his parents sent him to the USA to complete secondary education.

That did not help, as he was subsequently jailed for four years in Atlanta, USA for robbery and sundry theft/vices. The sentence ended last year, after he was summarily deported.

Police also disclosed that the Mercedes Benz 500 SEL car Chuka ran away with, after killing his mother, was found abandoned at a mechanic workshop in Auchi, Edo State.

"There was no indication that the boy worked in concert with anyone else in the actual killing of the mother," the police said. "We are also still looking for the gun he used and also how he came in contact with the gun".

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sented by a five-member delegation led by the US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Mr Alphonso Jackson.

Other members of the delegation include Mr. John Campbell, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr John A. Simon, Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Rev Dr Herbert H. Lusk II, Founder and President of Stand for Africa and Mrs. Anita Smith, President, Children's AIDS Fund.

"The Summit is not just another conference, it's a movement of growing potential to

bring new resources to the table," said Hope Masters, President and CEO of the Sullivan Foundation.

The Sullivan Foundation credits the initiation of at least \$750 million in new business agreements to the direct result of past summits.

"Africa is in need of more committed partners who can bring skills, experience and resources," said Masters, who added that the Summit is bringing "the next generation of professionals and global leaders to join us in Nigeria as we continue to build long lasting relationships that will help Africa realize it's full potential."