

Man, 22, allegedly kills 16-year-old girlfriend in Imo

Gunmen abduct two toddlers



Imo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Austin Evbakhavbokun

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TRAGEDY occurred last Saturday in the sleepy community of Umuene-manyia, in Oguta Local Council of Imo State, when a 22-year-old man, whose name was given as Amaechi Anozia, allegedly shot dead his hitherto estranged 16-year-old girlfriend and Senior

Secondary School (SSS1) student of Priscilla Memorial Secondary School, Oguta, Imo State, Miss Chikanso Uzoma.

According to her family sources who confided in *The Guardian*, the ugly incident began when Anozia, said to be a school dropout, allegedly heard the girl was having an af-

fair with another boy, which prompted him to invite the girl and her stepfather, whose name was given as Mr. Ike Emedo, to the school premises for discussions.

They disclosed that the victim and her step-father never knew that Anozia had allegedly carefully concealed a pistol in a bag

he was carrying.

The source said the discussions and questions from Anozia on who the other boy friend was to the late Chikanso in the presence of her stepfather led to arguments.

The young randy jealous lover, the source said, brought out the gun and emptied some bullets at close range in the body of his former girlfriend, leading to her instant death and leaving her in a pool of blood.

Emedo, *The Guardian* gathered, took to his heels on experiencing the dastardly act. Other members of the village who heard loud gunshots and sighted the remains of Chikanso reported the matter to security authorities, the source said.

The deceased's body was later deposited at the Oguta General Hospital morgue.

Though *The Guardian* could not get the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Andrew Enwerem, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) for further comments as at the time of filing this report, other police sources confirmed the incident, adding that further investigations were going on.

The Guardian learnt that both Anozia and the deceased hailed from the same village and they had allegedly entered into an oath-taking engagement preparing to marry each other, in alleged defiance of the culture of the area not to marry because they were related.

In another development, two children of a medical practitioner in the state, have been abducted by gunmen in the same area at the weekend.

The whereabouts of the children was yet to be ascertained as at press time.

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