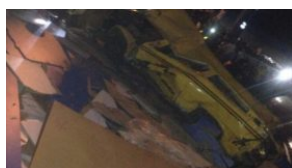


# Soldiers rescue man from being lynched after killing mum in Abia

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Soldiers attached to 144 Battalion, 14 Brigade headquarters of the Nigerian Army, Ohafia, in Ukwa West Local Government Area of Abia State, have rescued 25-year-old Agaiezichi Ogbonna from being roasted alive at Akpaa Mbato village in Obingwa Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that youths of the community descended heavily on Ogbonna when they learnt that he allegedly killed his 52-year-old mother. Sources told newsmen that if not for the timely intervention of the soldiers attached to an army checkpoint at Akpaa Mbato village along Aba-Azumini Highway, Ogbonna who was already beaten to pulp would have been burnt alive by the mob.

Ogbonna, the last son of his mother, was accused of not only having sexual affairs with sisters of the same parents at his maternal home, but impregnating one of them in the process, an act which the villagers said was a taboo in their community and Igboland in general.



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Ogbonna was said to have ignored the warning of the community to continue having an affair with one of the sisters, whose name was simply identified as Ugochi, a development that didn't go down well with the sick mother.

According to a source, Ogbonna's mother who was managing her high blood pressure, triggered by the son's action and negative effect his actions would bring to the family, decided to raise the alarm after she noticed that her son slept with Ugochi the previous night.

Ogbonna in the heat of an argument with his mother kicked her on her ribs, which aggravated her health condition. She was said to have collapsed and died shortly afterwards when some members of the family who came to her rescue tried stabilizing her.



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A member of the community who pleaded for anonymity said that Ogbonna on seeing that the mother had died tried to run away but they however prevented him from escaping. The source said when the news filtered into the community, the youths stormed their compound and took Ogbonna with them to an unknown destination.

According to the family source, the youths after beating Ogbonna to a pulp was on the verge of setting him ablaze when the soldiers were alerted and later rescued him from the villagers who had already hanged tyre on his neck and about to pour fuel on him, adding that Ugochi, the lady, was until the time of this report still at large as she had fled the scene immediately the incident happened.

A soldier at the Akpaa army checkpoint said they mobilized to the scene to save the suspect from jungle justice when they were alerted of the action the youths of the community were about to take. The soldier stated that Ogbonna confessed to the crime and has been handed over to the Azuka Police Station for investigation into the matter and further prosecution.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of Abia State Command, DSP Geoffrey Ogbonna, could not be reached for comments, but a police officer at the Azuka police station confirmed that Ogbonna was brought to the station at the weekend by the soldiers in army Hilux van.





