Man machetes sibling in Imo over land dispute

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A man from Umuakpa, Umungwa autonomous community in Obowo Local Government Area of Imo State, Chibuzo Nwagbara, has been arrested after allegedly killing his half-brother over a land dispute on March 1, 2020, and fled the scene.

The Imo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Godson Orlando Ikeokwu, confirmed the incident. According to a statement, the information on the incident was received by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the Obowo division, where the incident happened.



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The statement reads: "On March 1, at about 10:30 p.m. the command received a report of a case of murder. As a result of the report, the DPO in charge of Obowo Division led a team of policemen to Umuakpa Umungwa autonomous community, Obowo LGA and met the body of one Elijah Nwagbara in the pool of his own blood allegedly murdered by his half brother, one Chibuzo Nwagbara, who absconded after committing the crime.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that both brothers had been involved in a running battle over their family land. As such, the said Chibuzo picked up a knife and went to where the deceased was lying down and stabbed him to death.

"Sequel to the above, irate youths invaded the house of the suspect and set it ablaze. However, the suspect was later arrested at Alaike Umuoyota autonomous community in Umuahia, Abia State, while the investigation continues."



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