

# ① Family petitions AIG on murder, illegal detention in Imo

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**T**HE families of Mr. Ifeanyi Nwaiwu and Nze Eugene Chukwu both of Ehime Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State have accused the anti kidnapping unit of Imo State Police Command of gruesome killing, unlawful arrest and detention of their sons, the late Chigozie Nwaiwu and Christian Chukwu.

The families through their lawyer, Ebuka Igwe, had in a petition addressed to the Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG), Zone 9, Umuahia, demanded immediate release of their detained sons.

In the petition dated October 11, 2021, they expressed fears that Uchenna Christian Chukwu may have died under mysterious circumstance in detention to cover up the gruesome murder of one Mr. Chigozie Nwaiwu by the anti-kidnapping unit.

The petition partly reads: "We act as solicitors to Nze Eugene Chukwu and Mr. Ifeanyi Nwaiwu both of Umunakanu Owerre, Ehime Mbano LGA, Imo State (herein under to be referred to as our client). It is our brief to petition the anti-kidnapping unit of Imo State Police Command on the above stated subject matter. "We petition and categorically state as follows, that on October 6, 2021, three detectives from anti-kidnapping unit of Imo State Police Command driving a red Venza, visited the shop of Mr. Christian Uchenna Chukwu at Umuezeala Ehime Mbano L.G.A, Imo State in search of one Mr. Chidera, who shares

the same shop.

"The detectives met Mr. Chidera's wife and dropped their contact details with her to inform her husband to reach out to them with the contact details. The contact details are: 08064828409 belonging to one of the Policemen by name Prince Chikadibia.

"That on their way out, they saw Mr. Christian Uchenna Chukwu, who shares shop with their target and arrested him immediately.

"That the late Mr. Nwaiwu Chigozie who saw what happened approached the Policemen to inquire on why his brother was arrested.

"That one of the Policemen got angry with his approach and pulled the trigger on him, killing him immediately. That the Policemen on realizing that they have killed an innocent Mr. Nwaiwu Chigozie, sped off from the Scene of the crime, leaving him to die.

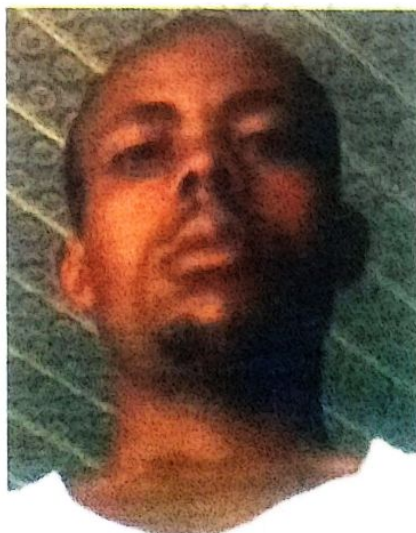
"That the Police returned after some minutes shooting sporadically into the air and scared the villagers away.

That the policemen took the corpse of the dead away with Christian Uchenna Chukwu to an unknown location. Efforts to trace them proved abortive.

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"That on October 8, 2021, the Imo State Police command addressed a press conference, stating that IPOB/ESN members were killed and arrested by the tactical teams. To the surprise of my client, their son killed by the police was paraded as an IPOB/ESN member, who died in a shootout. "That my clients have made attempts to reach out to their son in detention but all to no avail. Instead, the force is demanding for money from my client. That several calls to the contact details dropped by the police were answered by a policeman, who directed my clients to go to the anti-kidnapping unit of Imo Police. "We deemed it imperative to petition you on this considering your past records in discreet investigation, independent and unbiased mindedness."

Meanwhile, the Imo Police spokesman, Michael Abatam, had in a recent statement, said the deceased were on their wanted list as dreaded members of the IPOB/ESN, who were involved in perpetrating several crimes in the state.



The deceased



The detainee