

Ex-Anambra Commissioner Shot Dead By Son

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Former Anambra State Commissioner for Women Affairs, Uzo Obi Okolo, was shot dead by her son in the comfort of her bedroom in Awka on Sunday night.

She served in the administration of former Governor Chinwoke Mbadinuju.

Okolo, a Director in the state-owned Orient Petroleum Resources, was proprietress of Mother Theresa Foundation and Tender Love Orphanage in Awka, a non-governmental organisation involved in charity and the beautification of the city.

The son fled after shooting her.

Sympathisers later flooded the imposing mansion on Achala Road.

Okolo's husband, Obi, the Chief Executive of Bilante Construction Company, visited Awka briefly and left for Lagos.

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Department, Awka), Muhammed Musa Katsina, confirmed that he received a signal from the divisional police officer on the incident.

"I mobilised my men and officers of the homicide department and I led them to the place," he recounted.

"The security man at the gate allowed us in and we met one of the sons of the late woman who led us to the scene of the crime. I saw her in a stiff condition and in a pool of her own blood.

"We conducted a step by step observation to establish the identity of the attacker. I was able to conduct some preliminary investigation that assisted me in drawing closer to the identity of the suspect.

"I picked other clues and we are still waiting for the forensic department of the force headquarters CID annex. I asked one of the co-occupants to know the bedroom of the son and, on observation, I also recovered a very important clue that led us to classify the woman's son as the principal suspect".

Kastina said immediately after the incident, the suspect escaped in a Mercedes Benz 500 SEL belonging to his mother, but was arrested in Lagos by detectives and is expected back in Awka.

Obi was said to have spent some time with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and released before the wife was slain.