

# Arochukwu Native Doctor Dies From Own Charm

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A middle-aged man, Godwin Okereke, has appeared before an Umuahia Chief Magistrate Court for allegedly killing a native doctor, Gabriel Okereke, in Amuvi-Arochukwu in Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State.

According to the prosecution, the native doctor, who hails from the same town with the accused, prepared a defence charm, known in local parlance as *odieshi*.

The native doctor, according to sources, boasted after preparing the charm in January this year that no machete or bullet would penetrate the body of any of

his clients who used it.

The prosecution also alleged that immediately the deceased completed the preparation of the charm, he ask the accused to test the charm on him by cutting or striking him with a machete to prove its potency.

However, luck ran out of the confident native doctor when the accused, on one strike, cut off one of his

hands, prompting him to bleed to death, a development that caused panic and anxiety in Amuvi community.

The accused, the prosecution said, was subsequently arrested and charged to court after investigations in the matter were concluded.

While ruling on the case, the trial magistrate, O. K.

Onuma, remanded the accused in the prison custody and directed that the case file be transferred to the office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) for further action and onward transmission to the High Court.

However, the case was adjourned till March 14, 2008 for further report or development on it.