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FOR 18-year-old Chukwujekwu Oranezu from Eziagu-Umueleke village, Umunze, in Orumba South local government area of Anambra State, life would not be same again. He is now in the custody of Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) in Awka, as investigations continued into how he allegedly killed a billionaire-businessman in his community.

The police gave the name of the man he killed as Mr Remi from Ndiakpa village, Umunze, with a pestle. It was also alleged that he made away with the victim's N500,000.

It was gathered that Oranezu did not actually set out to kill the businessman but in the process of covering up his crime, he hit Remi with pestle and this led to his death.

Oranezu was said to be a neighbour to the deceased and that his mother is a widow and sold processed bitter leaf. It was also gathered that Oranezu had access to the compound victim's compound through the back gate and he succeeded in pilfering some clothes and other items from the man's compound. He was also alleged to have taken a charcoal iron cooker from the deceased's house, which the victim asked him to return.

It was gathered that on the fateful day, Oranezu came to Remi's compound as usual and saw him counting a huge sum of money with a visitor. Oranezu waited for the guest to go and he did. The deceased was said to have asked him about the charcoal iron cooker, telling him that his children would be coming home and would not take it lightly with him if the charcoal iron cooker were not returned.

Oranezu, however, showed the deceased where he normally entered the compound to pilfer items. On their way back, Oranezu became possessed and coveted the money on the table. He was said to have suddenly picked a pestle and hit the businessman on the head and he collapsed.

To avoid being caught him if the man were revived, he landed more pestle blows on the victim, leading to his death. But unknown to him, when the alarm was raised about the death, the man that was with him sighted Oranezu and told the people that he saw the victim and Oranezu. Police came into the matter and on searching Oranezu's room, they found N500,000 hidden there; that gave some clue and Oranezu was arrested and he confessed to the crime.

That was how a man died for requesting for an old charcoal iron cooker from a lad he had have helped in the past. When asked what he wanted to do with such huge amount of money, he said he wanted

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•Some of the paraded robbers



•Oranezu

to use to celebrate Christmas and buy some materials for his wedding business. Was that enough reason to kill? It was just strange.

Oranezu was among those paraded by the Anambra State Police Command after it foiled a kidnap and armed robbery attempt in Onitsha, but not without killing four of the dare devil gang in a shootout.

Commissioner of Police Hassan Karma, who paraded the suspects at the headquarters of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Awkuzu, Oyi local

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