

Pastor Dies After Performing Family Cleansing, As Man Was Beaten To Death

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A case of a proverbial native doctor who was contracted to cast out evil spirit but ended up a victim himself may have played out in Awka, Anambra State capital, on Tuesday when a pastor who was invited to perform family prayers was found dead in his room the next day.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer of Anambra Command, Haruna Mohammed a case of sudden death of one Pastor Richard Ifeanyi Obi was reported to the central police station Awka by one Ikechukwu Uchendu of No. 5 Onuorah Street Amaenyi Awka.

According to Haruna, the said Pastor Richard Ifeanyi Obi came from Warri to perform family prayers in Okechukwu's house and was allegedly found lying lifeless in the room he slept the next day morning.

When police detectives attached to Central Police station Awka visited the scene, and rushed him to the hospital he was certified dead by the medical doctor and the corpse has been deposited at Amaku hospital mortuary for autopsy.

Also on Thursday one Evans Obuneme Nsoani aged 36 years was arrested by police detectives attached to Igboukwu Division.

The said Nsoani allegedly assaulted Mr. Onyebuchi Ashiema aged about 45 years who hail from Nsukka in Enugu state but resides at Ngo village Igboukwu over wrongly parked vehicle on the highway.

As a result, Haruna confirmed Ashiema allegedly suffered severe beating from Nsoani and was rushed to the hospital where he was later confirmed dead.

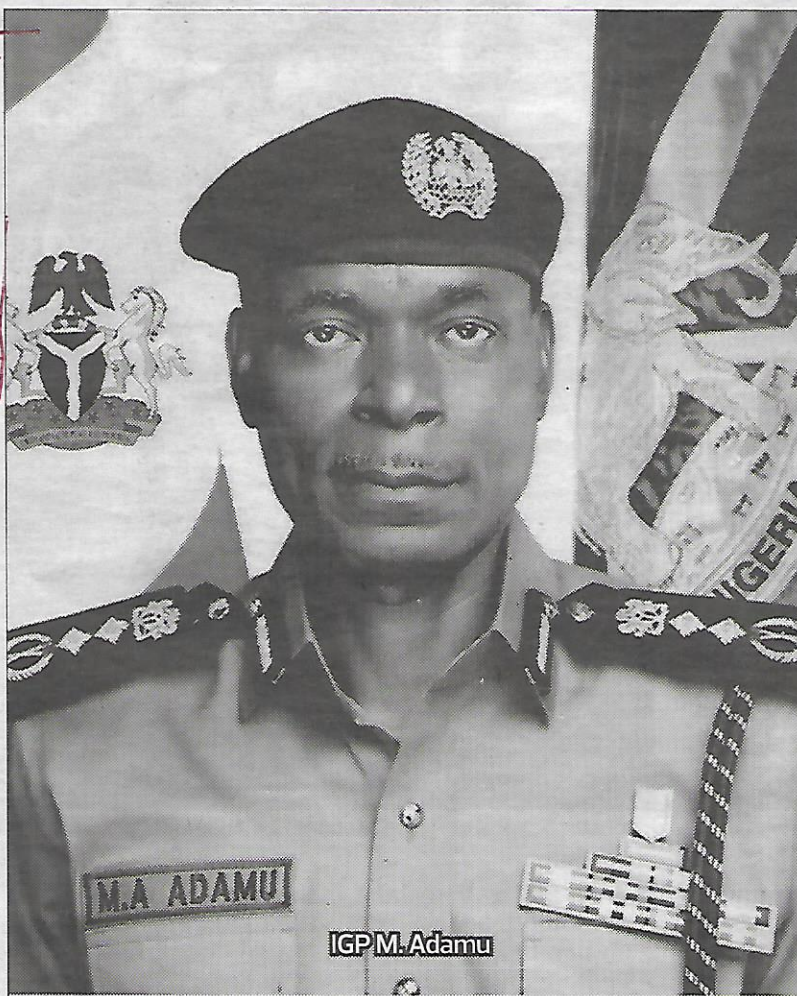
The postmortem examination which was conducted on him revealed that he died as a result of internal injury he sustained following the assault.

The case, according to Haruna is currently under investigation at the State CID Awka after which suspect would be charged to Court for prosecution.

There was also a case of recovered stolen vehicle and arrest of a car snatcher.

Haruna said the car, a Toyota brand was snatched at gunpoint on Thursday close to Mummy spot Bar Awka.

Police operatives from 'B' Division Awka in conjunction with the Command Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) pursued the hoodlums and on reaching Igbariam junction, they abandoned the stolen car and ran into the bush.



One suspect was, however arrested and the vehicle with registration number AwK 853 TK was recovered.

Investigation, according to

Haruna is ongoing and effort being intensified to get the fleeing suspects arrested in order to bring them to justice, Haruna concluded.