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## Two Choked To Death By Charcoal Fire Smoke In Anambra

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Police in Anambra State on Wednesday retrieved two bodies of a woman and her house help at Ekwulobia in Aguata Local Council Area, who died ostensibly by charcoal fire smoke in their room.

The two slept in a room after making a charcoal fire and shut doors and windows of room possibly to keep warm.

They never survived the night.

When the husband of the woman Mr. Bernard Ezeugoaja waited and they did not wake up, he went into the room only to find his wife, Obiageli and her house help, Chikamso stone dead.

According to police report yesterday, "there was a report at Aguata Police Station by one Bernard Ezeugoaja 'm' of Umuchi-ana village, Ekwulobia in Anambra State that on the same date at about 9:am, he

discovered that his wife one Obiageli Ezeugoaja 'f' aged 65 years and her house boy one Chikamso 'm' surname unknown aged about 12 years never woke up from sleep since the previous night.

"As a result, he opened the door and discovered their lifeless bodies.

"Following the report, Police detectives attached to Aguata division visited the scene and rushed victims to the hospital for medical attention but they were all

certified dead on arrival by a medical doctor.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the deceased set a charcoal fire in order to warm the room due to cold weather leaving all the windows closed and without ventilation.

"Meanwhile, the charcoal container was recovered as exhibit while corpses deposited at Ekwulobia hospital mortuary for autopsy. Investigation is ongoing to ascertain circumstances surrounding the incident."