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## Man kills mother in Akwa Ibom

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A 28-year-old man, Sunday James, on Tuesday allegedly killed his mother through an acid bath.

It was learnt that James attempted to commit suicide after attacking his mother.

James, who hailed from Ikot Usekong in Eket Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, allegedly accused his mother of bewitching him.

Mrs Iko James was, until her death, the Deputy Headmistress of Government Primary School, Idung Offiong in Eket and a mother of five.

An eyewitness said there was an argument between James and his mother. He said James poured acid on his mother and forced her to drink some of the substance.

When neighbours heard her cry, they forced the door open and rushed her to the hospital. She died on her way to the hospital.

The eyewitness said James attempted to set himself ablaze but was saved by sympathisers, who handed him over to the police.

On interrogation, James accused his mother of refusing to send him to school.

He said: "I have been suffering as a photographer with my bicycle since I left secondary school but instead of my mother to send me to school, she abandoned me.

"She was the one working against my progress, she was a witch and that was why I killed her."

Five cutlasses, electric cables and a gallon of acid were recovered from his room.

Police sources in Eket confirmed the incident and arrest of the suspect who later died in custody.

Two persons have been killed, following a clash between rival cult groups in Okpanam Community, Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State.

Police spokesman Charles Muka, who confirmed the story, said only one person died.

One person was injured .

Muka said trouble started when a motorcyclist hit and killed a pedestrian.

The pedestrian, identified as Chichi (15), was the son of the Asagba of Okpanam, the traditional ruler of the community.

Chichi's friends on a revenge mission attacked and killed the motorcyclist.

Another version said Chichi, a member of a cult group, attacked a rival gang.

The leader of the rival gang, it was learnt, ran to the police station for safety.

But, members of Chichi's gang in a reprisal attack stormed the station and killed the gang leader.