

Man kills in-law in Ebonyi community

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The Ebonyi State Police Command has arrested a man, Maduabuchi Ede, for allegedly killing his in-law, Kenneth Nkwegu Elom, with a piece of firewood.

The victim and his wife, Scholastica, had reportedly been married for over eight years and have had four children before it collapsed.

Scholastica was said to have returned to her parents' home in the nearby village.

But she allegedly continued to harvest her estranged husband's yams in the ban and other crops in his farm, which reportedly angered him.

Kenneth, in company of his friend, Augustine Nwankwegu, were said to have complained severally to his ex-wife's parents and family to warn her against the act.

But she was said to have persisted in the act.

Speaking with our reporter, Nwankwegu said: "We have been complaining to the woman's family that their daughter had been harvesting Kenneth's yams and other crops in the farm and carting away his belongings.

"The father in-law, after listening to us, fixed a date for the settlement of the matter and urged Kenneth to maintain the peace. He said the matter would be resolved amicably.

"As we were driving home, Kenneth pleaded that we see the mother in-law to clear his conscience of reporting her daughter's behaviour.

"When we got there, it happened that they had locked their door because it was late in the night. But a relative, who was outside, knocked the door and it was opened by the mother in-law".

"The son in-law, who heard our greeting when we came in, directed the mother not to attend to us. He immediately ordered us to leave the compound within a second.

"He rushed in and got a heavy wood while Kenneth turned back to open his vehicle to escape. But Maduabuchi descended on him, hitting him severally with the wood until he collapsed."

Nwankwegu said Kenneth was rushed to a hospital that night.

He added that his friend was in coma for some days and died on May 20.

Police spokesman George Okafor, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), confirmed the incident.

He said the suspect had been arrested while investigation into the matter had begun.

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