

Woman kills husband in acid attack

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A housewife and mother of four, Mrs Augustina Ihugba, is on the run after allegedly bathing her husband, Raymond Ihugba, with raw acid that caused his death.

The woman's action has thrown Akwakwuma community in Owerri North Local Government Area of Imo State into mourning.

A source close to the family, who spoke in confidence, said the woman accused her 50-year-old husband of adultery.

Ihugba was said to have denied the allegation, yet his wife attacked him with acid at a building site where he was working as a mason.

The remains of the victim have been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Owerri, the state capital, pending police investigation.

The mother of the victim, Eunice Ihugba, who tearfully recounted the incident, said trouble started between her son and his wife when the latter began to make financial demands from her son, despite his lean resources.

The widow, who lost her husband during the Nigerian/Biafran Civil War, said her son's persistent pleas to his wife to bear with him proved fruitless.

She said her daughter-in-law trailed her husband to Ubommiri community in Mbaitoli Local Government Area to attack him.

Madam Ihugba said Augustina rushed at him, poured the acid on him and fled.

She added that the victim's painful cry attracted passers-by who took him to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Owerri, where he died.

Also, effort to reach police spokesman Andrew Enwerem, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), at the time of this report was futile.