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Suspect: why we killed ex-lawmaker

•Obiano hikes bounty to N15m

ONE of the suspected killers of Anthony Igboka, former Anambra State House of Assembly member, yesterday confessed that they carried out the act because they were banished from the community.

The 27-year old suspect, Chigbo Aniegbu, alias Transformer, who disclosed this while being paraded at the police headquarters, however, claimed he was not the one who shot dead the deceased.

He said Igboka had chased members of his gang from the town, insisting that they would not return until they turned a new leaf.

Aniegbu, who confessed being

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a member of Vikings cult, said he ignorantly joined the gang while in a vehicle on his way from a neighbouring town to his community.

He said: "I was at Oyeolise when they picked me. They told me to join them for an operation, but I was not told that the operation involved the killing of Igboka. That was why I was speechless when they shot the man. I don't have any issue with him. After all, the two of us are from the same village.

"The only mistake I made was entering the vehicle without confirming exactly where they were headed."

Police Commissioner Mustapha Dandaura said Governor

Willie Obiano had increased the cash reward of N5m earlier promised anybody with useful information that could lead to the arrest of the fleeing suspects to N15million.

Addressing reporters in Awka, the commissioner said the increase followed the arrest of the kingpin, who hails from the same community as the slain Igboka.

He said three of the suspects were at still large, adding that efforts were being made to arrest them.

Dandaura gave two of their names as Chukwunonso alias Nwasami and Obinna Okafor.

Describing April as a month of blessing to the command, following the arrests recorded during the month, he said 265 suspects were nabbed.