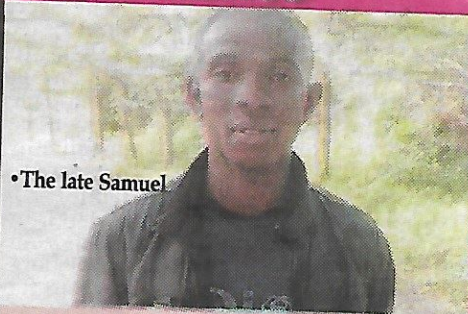


Boxing Day tragedy:

Uncle stabs nephew to death for quarrelling with fiancé



•The late Samuel

■ Sunny NWANKWO ■

It was a black Boxing Day celebration for the Eli family and indigenes of Abayi village in Osisioma Local Government Area of Abia State as a man identified as Chimezie Eli reportedly stabbed his nephew, Samuel Chimere Eli, to death. Samuel, who was a final year student of the Abia State College of Education Technical Arochukwu (ASCETA) was killed death on Boxing Day December 26.

The incident, according to sources in the area, happened the midnight of that day after Samuel, who had returned to the village from his base in Umuahia, the state capital on December 24 night to spend the Christmas holidays with his family, quarrelled with the uncle's girlfriend.

While our reporter could not ascertain the nature of the quarrel that gave rise to the killing of the Samuel, who was said to be in his mid-20s, it was gathered that Chimezie allegedly stabbed him while he was lying in his room after the matter seemed to have died down.

Sources from told our reporter that Samuel had rushed out of his father's house after being stabbed in the chest by his uncle in an attempt to save his life, but died on the way to the hospital.

"Their house is very close to the flyover. Samuel had a little misunderstanding with his uncle's girlfriend. The uncle acted like someone who was manipulated. He used a knife to stab the guy in the chest and by the time he was taken to the hospital, he was declared dead.

"The man has been arrested and is being detained at the Osisioma Police Division, but efforts are ongoing to transfer him to the State CID in Umuahia, the state capital.

"The boy had started writing his final year project because he was due to graduate next year's March.

"He thought that the matter he had with the uncle's girlfriend earlier in the day had been settled not knowing that the man was still bearing grudge in mind. While he was sleeping, the uncle went into his room and stabbed him.

"His brothers who should have helped him were not around, but he managed to help himself out of the compound with blood