

A 30-year-old man in Abia State identified as Ndubuisi Nwaobilor has reportedly poured petrol on his father and set him ablaze in Abia State.

The incident, our correspondent gathered, occurred at Umuomauzor in Asa North autonomous community which shares boundary with Obingwu community in Ukwa West Local Government Area of the state.

Ndubuisi's father, identified as Mr. Ogbonna Nwaobilor, was said to have died at the scene of the incident as a result of the impact of the burns he sustained from the incident.

Ndubuisi, a tiler was said to have burnt the father, a retired driver, after the latter refused to part with the money that the LG council chairman and his deputy shared to

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some elders of the community.

A source in the neighbourhood, who asked not to be named, said: "You know that the governor directed that the people selling meet at the Waterside Abattoir should vacate the place and move to Umuomauzor where the new abattoir was situated.

"The Ukwa Local Government Chairman visited the community ahead of the movement of the abattoir to inspect the level of work that is going on there.

"The man's share from the money given out by the local government chairman and the deputy who is from the Umuomauzor village was about

N8,000.

"When he came back, the son, who thought that the father and others were given large sums of money, confronted the father, demanding his own share.

"The explanation that they were not given any huge sum of money fell on deaf ears.

"He never believed the father, and in the heat of the argument, he pushed him down, poured some petrol on him and struck a match that set him ablaze."

Asked whether there was a subsisting quarrel between them, the source said: "I don't know if they were having any problem before that day. But what I can tell you is that the boy takes *mkpurumiri*.

"So, it could be that he did it under the influence of the hard drug."

The source added that the President General of the community had handed the accused over to the Obekie Police Division for investigation and possible prosecution.

Contacted on the telephone, the state's Police Public Relations Offi-

cer, Geoffrey Ogbonna, a Superintendent of Police, said he was yet to be informed about the incident.

He promised to get back as soon as he got through to the Obekie Divisional Police Officer (DPO).

He was, however, yet to get back at the time of filing this report.

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By Alao Abiodun

The Osun State Government had described the viral letter as a failed attempt by mischief makers to bring Oyetola and the Osun State Government into "a collision

