## 32-year-old hacks mother to death with axe

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A 32-year-old man, Arinze Chukwu, has reportedly hacked his mother to death with an axe in Ndieze community of Okpoto Ishielu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

It was gathered that the 60-year-old woman had reported Arinze to be reprimanded for his bad behaviours, following which the youths of the community tied him up at the village square.

Arinze, upon his release by the youths, was said to have hit his mother with an axe out of rage on September 17.



The aged father of the defendant, Anthony Chukwu, confirmed that his son (Arinze) killed his wife because she reported his misdeeds to the village youths.

Acting on the complaint of the deceased, Anthony said that the village youths caught Arinze, tied up his hands and feet, beat him up and then left him in the sun for hours at the village square.

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Anthony explained, "That boy (Arinze) is my eighth child from my wife whom he just killed. I was not at home at the time it happened but I know he killed my wife because she reported him to our village youth association. She did not hate him. She made a report to the association to stop his bad behaviour.



"When he was being dragged to the village square, he threatened to kill me and my wife for reporting him.

"Luckily for me, I was not at home when they released him. But he met my wife and killed her with an axe and fled. I never knew he was serious about the threat until I came back and saw my wife in a pool of blood.

"At the village square, the youths punished him by tying his hands and feet and then beat him up. They later left him in the sun for hours to correct him."

The police on receipt of the complaint, promptly arrested Arinze.

Last week, he was charged to court for murder.

The court turned down the plea of the defendant.

The trial Magistrate, Blessing Ibeabuchi-Chukwu, ordered that Arinze be remanded at the Abakaliki Correctional Centre.

The case was adjourned till October 10.