

Man kills friend with father's single-barrel gun in Imo



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THE Imo State Police Command has arrested one Chukwuebuka Ogugu (20) for shooting dead his friend, Ifeanyi Chukwu Ogukwe (25), with his late father's single-barrel gun at Obolo Nzerem in Ehime Mbano Local Government Area of the state.

Parading the suspect among 18 other suspects arrested for various crimes, the Police Commissioner, Mohammed Barde, said the suspect was arrested at the scene of crime at about 18.25 hrs on 18th August, 2023.

"Chukwuebuka Ogugu, 20yrs, 'm' was arrested at the scene of crime by detectives of the Command's State Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department (SCIID) for shooting his friend Ifeanyi Chukwu Ogukwe, 'm' 25yrs, all of the same address, to death.

On interrogation, he said, the suspect confessed that he killed his friend but stated

that it was not intentional, adding that he was servicing his late father's single-barrel gun in preparation for usual hunting activities that fateful evening when he accidentally discharged the gun with the discharged pellets hitting his said friend that visited him on his head and chest, thus bleeding to death on the spot.

He said that the lifeless body of the deceased had been evacuated and deposited at the morgue while the gun had been recovered and registered as exhibit.

According to him, the suspect will be arraigned in court upon completion of the ongoing investigation by the SCIID.

However, when *The Nation* interviewed the suspect he admitted killing his friend but stated that he was the person that voluntarily reported the case to the police at Obowo Police Station.

Also, Barde disclosed that another suspect,

Akalonu Donald 'm', 72 yrs was allegedly arrested for allegedly stabbing his 35 years-old relative, Achilike Akalonu (35), over minor quarrel.

He said: "In a related development, painstaking investigating efforts of the Command's State Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Homicide Department (SCIID) in a case of Murder reported by Akalonu Darlington 'm' 28yrs, led to the arrest of Akalonu Donald 'm', 72 yrs who was alleged of killing his 35 years old relative, Achilike Akalonu 'm', all from Umuoba in Owerri North LGA of Imo State, on 1/9/2023, by stabbing repeatedly with a knife at his chest body over a minor quarrel."

He said the lifeless body of the deceased has since been evacuated and deposited at the morgue for preservation while the suspect will be arraigned in court upon completion of the investigation.