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## Man kills, buries mum, sister in shallow grave'

**O**PERATIVES of the Enugu State Police Command have arrested a young man, Somadina Orji, for allegedly killing his mother, Mrs. Charity Orji, and his sister, Miss Ukamaka Orji.

The suspect allegedly buried the deceased in a shallow grave at their backyard in their home at Umuagu Inyi, in Oji River Local Government of Enugu State.

The 25-year-old suspect, who hails from Igbariam in Anambra State, was said to have committed the offence on December 4, at Umuagu Inyi, in Oji River Local Government of Enugu State.

According to reports and videos of the incident, the late Charity, an indigene of Inyi, but married in Igbariam, An-

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ambra State, had been living in her family house with her children for some years.

Unfortunately, her son, who allegedly was into hard drugs and had been having issues with her for some time, killed her.

A community leader at Inyi, Mr. Ben Obi, who spoke to reporters, said problems started weeks ago when the suspect quarrelled with his younger brother.

"Somadina had wanted to hit his younger brother before Charity, their mother, stopped him. She promptly reported the incident to their kinsmen, asking them to come and chase him away from the house because he

wanted to kill the younger brother.

"Before all this started happening, the younger sister of Somadina was already missing. For two weeks, nobody saw her or knew her whereabouts.

"We learnt that their mother went for a condolence visit at Akpugoeze, and when she returned in the afternoon, the son, Somadina, killed and buried her in a shallow grave in their backyard.

"When the younger brother came back and was looking for their mother, he suspected something was wrong and raised the alarm.

"The villagers gathered at the compound and upon interrogation, Somadina confessed that he had killed his mother.

"He also confessed that he killed the missing younger sister some weeks ago.

"The confession left the entire village devastated that something like this happened without anyone of us tracing it," Obi said.

The community leader said when the police were invited, the remains of the mother and the sister were exhumed and deposited at the mortuary, and the suspect was arrested.

He said Charity, until her death, sold 'fufu' to feed her family.

Confirming the incident yesterday, police spokesperson DSP Daniel Ndukwe said the suspect had been arrested and investigation was on.

He said after investigation, he would be arraigned.