

Son kills former women affairs commissioner

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IT was a tale of horror in Awka, the Anambra State capital as a former commissioner for women affairs Uzo Obi Okoli was slain and left in a pool of her own blood by her son inside her bedroom.

The ex-commissioner, who also served as the special adviser on energy and petroleum during the Chinwoke Mbadinuju administration was shot by her fourth son (names withheld) who quickly left the scene and took to his heels.

Uzo Obi Okoli, who until her death was also a director in the Orient Petroleum Resources in Anambra State

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ness. I can leave my family to come here and wait my precious time," the police boss said.

Haruna said that some 50 suspects had been arrested and a lot of firearms recovered since the recent operations in Onitsha.

According to him, the police will after investigations into the arrests, release any innocent persons.

On the order banning the use of motorcycles with engine capacity of more than 100cc by commercial motorcyclists in the state, Haruna said the governor was reconsidering the ban following pleas from the motorcyclists' union.

was reported to have been visited by the said son who carried out the dastardly act.

Okoli was also the founder and proprietor of Mother Theresa Foundations and Tender Love Orphanage in Awka, a non-governmental organization that is involved in charity to humanity and the beautification of Awka, the state capital.

At the Awka country home of late Mrs. Okoli at Obi-Okoli Avenue, near Nnamdi Azikiwe University temporary site Awka, sympathizers flooded the imposing mansion while her husband, Chief Okoli who is the Chief Executive of Bilapite Construction Company was said to have visited Awka and left for Lagos later.

Confirming the incident, the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police Command in Awka, Mr. Muhammed Musa Katsina told reporters that he received a signal from the Divisional Police Officer for "B" division in Awka about the incident.

"When I received the signal, I mobilized my men and officers of the homicide department and I led them to the place. The security man at the gate allowed us in and we met one of the sons of the late woman who led us

to the actual scene of the crime".

"I saw her in a stiff condition and in a pool of her own blood. So we conducted step by step observation with the view to establish the identity of the attacker. I was able to conduct some preliminary investigation that assisted me in drawing closer to the identity of the suspect."

"I picked other clues and we are still waiting for the forensic department of the force headquarters CID annex. I asked of the co-occupants to know the bedroom of the son and on observation, I also recovered a very important clue that led us to classify the woman's son as the principal suspect"

Katsina also said that he was equally discovered that the suspect absconded immediately after the incident to an unknown place with a Mercedes Benz 500 SEL belonging to his late mother, but was quick to announce that he was arrested in Lagos by a team of detectives and the anti-homicide department and is being expected back to Awka as at press time.

Chief Obi-Okoli who could not be seen as he was away to Lagos was said to have spent a short time with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and was released before the wife was murdered.