

Police arrest soldier who allegedly stabbed man to death in Abia

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ABIA State police command has confirmed the arrest of a soldier, Saeed (surname withheld), of the 82 Division of the Nigerian Army, Enugu, who allegedly stabbed a 34-year-old man to death in Umuahia last Saturday.

The state Police Public Re-

lations Officer (PPRO), SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, said investigation into the matter had already commenced.

The victim, identified as Offor Uchenna, was said to have been stabbed in the right side of his chest, below his breast by the soldier attached to a Chinese construction company in Umuahia.

It was gathered that an altercation had ensued between the duo at about 10:00a.m. around Umuahia railway station following the soldier's inability to pay for goods he previously bought before buying a new one.

A source said: "The soldier slapped the man, who then grabbed him by the uniform and the soldier now stabbed

him with his bayonet."

It was learnt that the man was immediately rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia, where he was certified dead.

The remains have been deposited at the mortuary, while the suspect was handed over to the police for further investigation and possible prosecution.