

Houseboy who killed boss with pestle in Anambra in our custody —Police

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ANAMBRA State police command has confirmed the detention of the houseboy who allegedly killed his master, a staff of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, with pestle.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ikenga Tochukwu, confirmed the arrest and detention of the suspect to newsmen.

"The boy is now in custody at the State Criminal Inves-

tigation Department (SCID), Awka for comprehensive investigation," Tochukwu said.

Nigerian Tribune had earlier reported that the houseboy reportedly killed his master with a pestle.

It was gathered that the victim, Chima Anolue, was a technologist at the Department of Psychology at NAU.

He was also said to be a son of the secretary of the College of Postgraduate Studies of the institution.

A video shared by a *Facebook* user, Uloka Chibuike, revealed that the houseboy, whose name is yet to be ascertained, repeatedly hit his master with a pestle at the back of the head after he had scolded him over his failure to complete some house chores.

The suspect, who was later arrested by local security operatives, in his confession, admitted to have repeatedly hit his master with pestle after he asked him why he had

not done what he assigned to him.

The suspect said: "He [Anolue] walked into the kitchen where I was cooking and asked me why I had not washed the plates. When I did not answer him, he slapped me.

"In reaction to the slap, I hit the pestle on his head three times."

The body of the deceased has been deposited in a morgue for autopsy.