

Man, wife, wife's mum, 2 children die first night in new house

•They inhaled generator fumes —Police

THE police in Anambra State have retrieved the bodies of a family of five which they said were discovered in a bungalow at Oze community in Nkwelle Ezunaka in Oyi Local Government of Anambra State.

A statement by DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, the Police Public Relations Officer for the Anambra Command, on Friday, said "information in the public domain had it that they died the first night they moved into the new building."

Names of the deceased, the police statement added were given as Ifeanyi Okoh, 32 years from Akebugu Enugu State; his wife, Chiamaka Okoh, 28 years; two of their children, Chinecherem Okoh, 3 years, and Catherine Okoh, 2 years as well as the mother of the wife, Anthonia Onwukube, aged 56.

A visit to the scene of the crime revealed a generator connected to the house electricity grid and kept in a confined space without proper ventilation, the po-

lice statement added.

It said: "An autopsy conducted on the corpses revealed the cause of death to be carbon monoxide poisoning. They were killed by fumes from the generator."

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Aderemi Adeoye, commiserated with the bereaved families and charged the public on the dangers of generator fumes.

The Police Commissioner also "wishes to advise the public on the terrible

dangers of operating generators indoors as carbon monoxide which is emitted in the fume is a deadly gas that has wiped out several families due to ignorance.

"Generators are to be kept in well-ventilated spaces while in use," he advised.

He said the Anambra Police Command would "continuously sensitize the public to domestic hazards that may claim life in order to reduce such unnecessary and avoidable deaths."