

# Anambra govt declares masquerader wanted for killing 71-year-old man

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ANAMBRA State government has declared wanted a masquerader, one Ifechukwu (surname withheld), who allegedly killed a 71-year-old man, Mr Shedrack Okoye, on December 25, 2023, during a masquerade festival at Umuawulu community in Awka South Local Government Area of the state.

Commissioner for Culture, Entertainment and Tourism, Comrade Don Onyenji, revealed this while reacting to the incident in his office at the Jerome Udorji Secretariat, Awka.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that last week, social media was flooded with the story of the late Mr Okoye, who was

allegedly killed by 19-year-old Ifechukwu during the community's masquerade festival.

Reacting to the development, the commissioner said the state's law stipulates that on no account should a masquerader or masqueraders obstruct people's movement or block a community's road or cause any problem in a community, adding that masquerading as a culture is all about fun and entertainment.

He said it is also against the law for masqueraders to stop people going about their lawful businesses, not to talk of attacking them.

The commissioner, who described the incident as a murder case, said it would be tackled seriously and the culprit would face the law.