

Yes, I killed my mother, ex-commissioner's

John Ameh, Awka

son confesses

CHUKA, the son of the former Anambra State Commissioner for Women Affairs, the late Mrs. Uzor Obi-Okoli, has allegedly admitted killing his mother.

He was however said to have declined speaking on the motive for his action, thereby tasking detectives at the State Criminal Investigations Department in Awka to dig deeper into what must have influenced him.

Obi-Okoli, a philanthropist and environmentalist, was shot in the family home on Obi-Okoli Avenue, Okpuno, Awka on Monday.

The 27-year-old undergraduate, who fled to Lagos after committing the act, was arrested in Lagos on Tuesday and taken back to Awka on Wednesday.

He reportedly admitted shooting his mother "alone and on his own" after de-

tectives interrogated him for several hours.

The Acting Commissioner, Anambra State Police Command, Mr. Haruna John, who disclosed the latest developments to journalists in his office on Thursday, added that the suspect refused to state the motive for the crime.

John said the gun used by the suspect had been found, while he had also

told the police where he parked the Mercedes Benz 500 SEL he used to escape from the scene of the killing.

He said, "Chuka Obi-Okoli is the third son of the woman. One thing we are sure of right now is that he has made confessional statements admitting that he indeed killed his mother.

"We cannot say for certain what transpired between him and his mother or any other member of his family before the incident.

"That is part of what we are still looking at. Though he admitted committing the crime, as a suspect, he still has his rights.

"We are being careful and taking the process of investigation one at a time. We are still interested in knowing whether other people worked with him.

"Investigations are still in progress and we shall keep the public informed appropriately."

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