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ONE of the security men detailed to work at the site of the Ebonyi International Airport under construction at Onueke, in the Ezza South Local Government Area of the state, Chukwuma Anyigor, aka Ite Igwe, has allegedly beaten a 17-year-old girl, Nwuka Nwafor, to death.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victim usually engaged in menial jobs at the construction site to fend for her family.



• **Ebonyi CP, Aliyu Garba**
A worker at the site, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said

Airport worker beats Ebonyi teenager to death

trouble started when Anyigor instructed the victim to evacuate some corn husks which were dumped at a particular section of the airport.

The source said the young girl, who said she neither ate any corn nor dropped husks at the place, refused to comply with the directive.

The source added that Anyigor became annoyed by the girl's action, picked an object and

allegedly hit the teenager's head with it, adding that the victim fainted.

The source said, "On that day, Nwuka and one of her friends were moving from one section of the airport to another in search of work until they encountered Mr. Anyigor, who particularly directed the deceased to pack the waste which was dumped by someone else.

"But the girl refused and

Anyigor, who could not control his anger, started to beat the girl until she fainted."

The deceased's elder brother, Sunday, said that Nwuka was rushed to the General Hospital, Onueke, and later to the Alex Ekwueme University Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, where she was confirmed dead by medical doctors.

Another sibling of the deceased, Ekene, said, "My

sister died struggling to survive and she deserves justice. As a family, we demand for justice."

Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Chris Anyanwu, on Wednesday, said the matter had not been officially brought to his table.

Our correspondent, however, learnt that the accused was arrested immediately and handed over to the State Criminal Investigation Department in the state for discrete investigation.