

Three suspects kill Anambra man over N1,600

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The Anambra State Police Command has launched a manhunt for three suspects for allegedly stabbing a man, identified simply as Chikodili, to death during a disagreement over N1,600 in Ogidi, in the Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that until his death, Chikodili, who hailed from Ebonyi State, was a scrap dealer at Tarzan Junction along the Onitsha-Enugu Expressway, Nkpor, in Idemili North LGA

It was learnt that the Chikodili was with the suspects when an argument ensued over the sharing of the N1,600 ensued among them.

An eyewitness, who refused to disclose his name to our correspondent for security reasons, said the argument degenerated and in the process, one of the suspects allegedly stabbed the victim to death.

The eyewitness said, “The deceased and the suspects earlier had a prolonged argument at their place of work over the sharing formula of N1,600 which prompted the intervention of a master trader before the disagreement was temporarily resolved.

“But the resolution did not go down well with the suspects and some hours later, they invited Chikodili to a drinking joint but he ignored their invitation knowing full well that they still wanted to harm him because the resolution was not in their favour.

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“They eventually caught the deceased on a bike, and held him tight while one of the suspects used a broken bottle to stab him in the neck and head. He immediately slumped to death and the suspects fled.”

Our correspondent gathered that Chikodili’s corpse was deposited at the Iyi-Enu Hospital morgue in Ogidi by the police who were said to have concluded plans for an autopsy.

During a visit to the deceased’s mother at her residence in Nkpor, while crying, she demanded justice.

Confirming the incident, the Ogidi Divisional Police Officer, Sani Ahmed, said they were on the trail of the assailants.

“None of the suspects has been arrested; we have commenced a manhunt for the fleeing assailants. We will get them, the corpse of the deceased has been deposited in the morgue,” Ahmed said.