

# Ebonyi man strangles friend, buries corpse in shallow grave

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Onuabuchi

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The Enugu State Police Command on Monday said a 24-year-old man identified as Agbo Onuabuchi has been remanded in Enugu Custodial Centre for killing and burying a 44-year-old friend, Peter Ukekwe, in a shallow grave.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Daniel Ndukwe, disclosed this at a press conference in Enugu.

He said the suspect, who strangled his friend before burying him in a shallow grave, committed the offence on April 1, 2023, at Amori community in the Nkanu West Local Government Area of the state.

Ndukwe stated that the suspect, a native of Ebonyi State, but resident at Ogidi in the Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, had travelled with the victim from Ogidi to Amori to visit a native doctor, Onyeka Edeh.

He said, “The suspect and the deceased, had on the said date, travelled from Ogidi, Anambra State, to the mentioned location to visit one Onyeka Edeh (male and a native doctor).

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“During the night hours, the suspect left their host’s house with his victim for an unknown destination.

“A search was conducted, but they were not found until the following morning, when the suspect was arrested at Obe community in the same local government area by police operatives serving in Nkanu West Division of Enugu State Command, with the assistance of citizens, while he was attempting to escape back to Ogidi, Anambra State.”

The PPRO said the suspect confessed to the crime, stating that he strangled the victim to death and buried him in a shallow grave in the bush.

“He later took policemen to the place where he buried the victim in a shallow grave and his remains were exhumed and deposited in the mortuary for preservation and autopsy.

“The case was, thereafter, transferred to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation Department Enugu, where an investigation into the case was consolidated, concluded and the suspect arraigned and remanded accordingly for further hearing,” he added.