

# Police nab Enugu man for

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**T**HE Enugu State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of a young man, who allegedly killed his mother, Mrs Charity Orji, and his sister, Miss Ukamaka Orji, and buried them in a shallow grave at their backyard.

The suspect identified as Somadina Orji from Igboariam in Anambra State was said to have committed the offence on Monday, December 4, 2023, at Umuagu Inyi, in Oji River Local Government area of Enugu State.

According to various reports and video of the incident, late Charity a native of Inyi but married in Igboariam, Anambra State had been in her family house with her Children for some years.

Unfortunately, her son who reportedly deals in hard drugs and has been having issues with her over his behaviour for some time decided to kill her.

A community leader in Inyi, Mr Ben Obi, who spoke to some journalists however, stated that the problems started weeks ago when the suspect had an issue with the younger brother. He wanted to hit



• Enugu PPRO, Ndukwe

him and the mother stopped him and reported to the kingsmen to come and chase him away from the house because he wanted to kill the younger brother.

Meanwhile, the younger sister has been missing for two weeks before he had the problem with the mother.

However, Ben further explained that the mother went for a condolence visit at Akpugoeze and upon her return in the afternoon, the son, Somadina, killed and

buried her in a shallow grave at their backyard.

He said that when the younger brother came back and was looking for the mother, he suspected something and raised an alarm.

"When the villagers gathered at the compound upon interrogation, Somadina confessed that he had killed the mother."

He also confessed that he killed the younger sister some weeks ago. Barrister Ben also said that when the police were invited, the

remains of the mother and of the sister were exhumed and deposited at the mortuary while the suspect was arrested.

Ben also explained that Charity, until her death, was a hustling woman who sells fufu to feed her family.

Lamenting the high use of hard drugs in the Community, Ben said that the absence of governing bodies in the community such as the traditional ruler, town union and president-general to help the government in checkmating the use of hard drugs led to the incident.

He called on the government to come to their rescue to avoid issues like this in the future.

Also condemning the act, the coordinating president-general in Oji River, Mr Ejike Tasie, said the use of hard drugs in the Inyi Community is alarming, calling on the anti-drug agency in Oji River to help them in checking the use of these drugs in their various communities in the local government.

Confirming the incident *The PUNCH* on Sunday, the Command's spokesperson DSP Daniel Ndukwe, said the suspect

# killing mother, sister

had been arrested and investigation was still going.

Ndukwe said that immediately

the investigation is concluded he would be arraigned in court.

"Suspect has been arrested and

the case under investigation. The suspect would be prosecuted once investigations are concluded."

## LASTMA sacks five officials for co

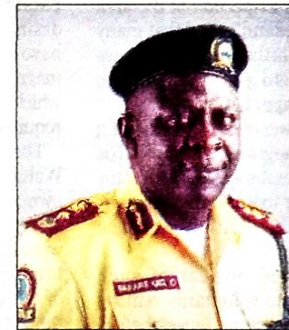
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**T**HE Lagos State Traffic Management Authority has confirmed the dismissal of five officers and reprimanded two for being guilty of corruption and misconduct while performing their duties in the state.

This was disclosed in a statement made available to *PUNCH Metro* by the Public Relations Officer, LASTMA, Adebayo Taofiq, on Sunday.

According to the statement, the Lagos State Civil Service Commission had approved every proposal the Personnel Management Board had made about the seven LASTMA officers who had been indicted during their meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2023.

Taofiq said, "While five LASTMA officials indicted for corruption received a letter of termination



• Acting General Manager, LASTMA, Bakare Oni

of appointment', remaining two received a letter of 'reprimand' for absence from duty posts without leave."

Taofiq quoted the agency's acting General Manager, Bakare Oki, as saying that the disciplinary action that was taken, was according to the Lagos State Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

He added that the public's sharing of experiences, both positive and negative, and the provision of relevant evidence regarding alleged misdemeanours would be necessary for the agency to improve.

He pleaded with Lagos drivers to always abide by the state traffic law to avoid breaking the law and facing the penalties that are stipulated in the legislation while assuring the public that these complaints would be looked into quickly and impartially.

Taofiq stated that the cases against the remaining 14 indicted LASTMA officials are awaiting further administrative review while admonishing the driving public to follow the Lagos State Transportation Sector Reform Law 2018.

"This is necessary for all of us to promote a Greater Lagos for the benefit of all and for the realisation