

Police probe murder of Anambra man

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The Anambra State Police Command said it had arrested two persons for their involvement in the alleged torturing to death of a 60-year-old man in Nza Ozubulu, Ekwusigo Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The deceased, identified as Mr Kenneth, was tortured to death by some of his kinsmen, including members of the vigilante operatives over a property dispute.

He had sold a water tank in the family house to address some family issues, an act that allegedly prompted his younger brother to arrest him with the help of a vigilante group.

The victim was said to have been tied to a stake with his two hands also tied and was continuously flogged by members of the vigilante operatives engaged by

his younger brother.

A source in the community said "The incident happened some days ago, the man was accused of selling their family water tank. His younger brother went to engage about five vigilante operatives who came to flog him.

"They tied his two hands and continuously flogged him with sticks and other weapons until he became unconscious. They left him after they had seen that he was no longer breathing.

"His wife and children have been subjected to fear and intimidation as they have vowed to deal with them if they continue to seek justice for the death of their father."

The state police spokesman, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the incident after several enquiries on Friday said one vigilante operatives and a relative of the deceased had been arrested.