

Assailants kill three Anambra siblings, store bodies in freezer

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The Anambra State Police Command has begun an investigation into the murder of three siblings in the Nnewichi community in Nnewi North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The spokesman for the command, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, who disclosed this to our correspondent on Monday, also urged anyone with useful information that could lead to unravelling the perpetrators of the dastardly act to come forward to help in the ongoing investigation.

PUNCH Metro gathered that tragedy hit the Nnewichi area on Saturday when some yet-to-be-identified gunmen murdered three siblings, including a boy, aged five and two girls, aged seven and nine respectively in their

 Map of Anambra State

It was gathered that the killers invaded their apartment while the children were eating, killed them and inserted their lifeless bodies into a refrigerator in one of the rooms.

Eyewitnesses in the area said the children namely Ejezie Chikaima Daviana, female, nine; Chimdirim David Ejezie, male, five; and Chimziterem Dominica Ejezie, female, eight, were the only ones in the house when the incident happened as their mother, identified as Mrs Chikazor Ejezie, who is said to be a lecturer and a nurse, left the house to partake in an examination on the fateful day.

“The bereaved family are from Umucheke, Umueze Uga in Aguata LGA. Both parents are registered nurses. On return from the examination, the mother met the house wide open. Without seeing the children, she became surprised as it was unusual. The children always locked the door whenever they went out in the absence of their parents.

“Later, their lifeless bodies were discovered in their refrigerator at home, showing from investigations that they were killed by someone and dumped inside,” the eyewitness added.

Also speaking to our correspondent on the telephone on Monday, the father of the deceased, Mrs Udochukwu Ejezie, who is based in Irrua, Edo State, because of his job, said he was called and told about the incident by his wife and he had to rush down home.

Ejezie said his wife, went for an examination on the day of the incident, but came back home to meet the lifeless bodies of the children inside a refrigerator.

He said, “On returning from the examination, she did not see our children in the house. A search party was formed and they first went to the church because the children were altar servants in the church. But on getting there, they did not see them.

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“Later, their lifeless bodies were discovered in the freezer at home, showing from investigations that they were killed by someone and dumped inside.

“My wife told me after searching for the kids by herself and a search party, without success, that in despair, the deep freezer was opened and behold, the dead bodies of the kids were there.

“In the house, a bungalow where we live with two tenants and the landlord, the kids were eating when the assailants stormed the house at about noon as there were traces of food in the plates that were forcefully abandoned.”

He said the corpses had been deposited at a morgue and the matter had been reported at the Central Police Station in Nnewi and the police investigating it.

Meanwhile, some residents and community leaders have called for strict vigilance in the community, while emphasising the importance for landlords and house owners to install security gadgets such as CCTV cameras at their various houses.

According to the spokesperson for market women in Nnewichi, who simply identified herself as “Nne Ora,” the deceased siblings were the only consolation for their parents and there must be a thorough investigation into the matter and justice must be done by arresting the culprits to face the wrath of the law.

Speaking further, Ikenga said although no arrest had been made yet, enquiries on the likely cause of the incident were ongoing.

He added that the Commissioner of Police in the state, CP Nnaghe Itam, had ordered the immediate transfer of the case to the state Criminal Investigation Department in Awka for investigation.

“Their lifeless bodies have been recovered and the CP has ordered the immediate transfer of the case to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Awka for a comprehensive investigation. Further details will be communicated,” Ikenga added.

Meanwhile, it was gathered that the vicinity has been cordoned off while the investigation continued.