

Police arrest two for murder of 80-year-old woman in Anambra

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The recovered motorcycle of the victim. Photo: Anambra State Police Command

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The Anambra State Police Command has arrested two suspects over the murder of an 80-year-old woman in Ihiala, Anambra State.

The suspects were said to have tied the victim’s legs and mouth before murdering her, after which they stole her black CG motorcycle.

This was disclosed in a statement by the Anambra State Police spokesman, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, on Tuesday.

Ikenga said the investigation of the incident has been ongoing since the receipt of the complaint on April 2, 2025.

He said, “Today, April 8, 2025, the Ihiala Divisional Police Station has in custody one Chidiebere Igboanugo and Emmanuel Ibeabuchi, all males from Umunwaji Ogboro, Ihiala, over the murder of an 80-year-old woman.

“The victim, late Mrs Theresa Igbojonu of the same village, was tied on both legs and mouth before her murder. Meanwhile, a black CG motorcycle allegedly stolen from the deceased has been recovered.

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Ikenga also added that a joint security team during a patrol in Ihiala had earlier arrested Igboanugo on April 5, 2025, when the deceased’s son sighted the stolen motorcycle being driven by the suspect along Ezego junction in Ihiala.

“Upon interrogation of Chidiebere, the security operatives acted swiftly on Monday, April 7, 2025 and arrested Emmanuel Ibeabuchi, whom Chidiebere mentioned as part of the gang that committed the crime.

“Further information revealed that two other suspects known as Alla and Emeka, currently at large, are part of their gang.

“The Commissioner of Police has directed the immediate transfer of the Case to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Awka, for discreet investigation and urges the operatives to intensify efforts in arresting the mentioned suspects that are currently on the run,” he added.

He said the suspects would be charged to court at the conclusion of the investigations.