

Anambra man arrested for stabbing relative to death

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Spokesman, Anambra State Police Command, Tochukwu Ikenga. Photo: Anambra Police Command

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The Anambra State Police Command has arrested one Okwuchukwu Ezimuo, male, aged 45 years, for stabbing his relative to death over a family land dispute in Umunocha Village, Awka-Etiti, Idemili South Local Government Area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the suspect struck the deceased, identified as Joseph Dike, 65 years old, on the chest during a quarrel over the land dispute on Monday evening.

Following the incident, the victim was immediately rushed to the hospital, where he was confirmed dead by a medical doctor on duty.

The spokesman for the Anambra State Police Command, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the development in a press statement on Wednesday, said the police operatives had visited the scene of the crime, and relevant evidence, including photographs, was taken.

Ikenga said operatives from the Nnobi Police Divisional Headquarters arrested the suspect and he is currently under interrogation.

He said, “The Anambra State Police Command operatives attached to the Nnobi Police Divisional Headquarters have arrested one Okwuchukwu Ezimuo, male, aged 45 years, over the death of his relative on an alleged family land dispute in Awka-Etiti.

“Preliminary information revealed that in the evening of September 22, 2025, the deceased, one Joseph Dike, male, aged 65 years, collapsed after being struck on the chest by the suspect during a quarrel in Umunocha Village, Awka-Etiti.

“Following the incident, the victim was immediately rushed to the hospital, where he was confirmed dead by a medical doctor on duty.

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According to him, the Commissioner of Police, Anambra State Command, Ikioye Orutugu, urged residents to seek peaceful resolutions to disputes and avoid violence at all times.

The CP further directed that the case be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Awka, for discreet investigation to unravel the full circumstances surrounding the incident.

PUNCH Online had reported that the Anambra State Police Command, in February 2025, arrested one Christian Ndu in connection with the fatal stabbing of his elder brother during an altercation.

The incident, described by Orutugu as “tragic” and “unfortunate,” sparked renewed calls for peaceful conflict resolution within communities.

The state PPRO, who confirmed the incident, said the suspect was apprehended by police operatives attached to the 3-3 Divisional Headquarters, following a report of the incident.

Ikenga outlined the details of the crime, stating, “On February 15, 2025, operatives acted swiftly on a report and arrested Christian Ndubuisi, who allegedly killed his elder brother over a minor disagreement.”

He explained that during the fight, the suspect broke a bottle and used it to stab his brother.