

Bizarre

Man hacks mum to death in Anambra

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Police detectives attached to the Homicide Department at the Criminal Investigation Bureau, SCIB, of the Anambra state police command, Awka, are now probing why a young man hacked his own mother to death.

The incident which threw the entire Obosi community in Idemili North council area of the State into confusion last weekend has seen the suspect, Tonna Ene-do being kept behind bars while the investigation on the gruesome murder of his mother, Mrs. Virginia Ekwerekwu on Saturday, October 12, continues.

Obosi community has been in the festive mood since last week due to their annual new yam festival called *Obiora* until the misfortune took over the centre stage and halted their festivity.

It was gathered that trouble for the 54 year old woman began when Tonna who had stayed with her for years left her and went to stay in his biological father's house in Ehamufu. The deceased

had divorced Mr. Godwin Ene-do, Tonna's father some 29 years ago.

A family source who pleaded anonymity told *Saturday Sun* that the suspect who is currently undergoing interrogation had returned to his biological father after living with his mother in Obosi for a long time and when his father noticed he was not behaving well tried to get police to arrest him but he escaped and came back to his maternal home in Obosi.

Saturday Sun gathered that the suspect allegedly smoked marijuana after which he lost control of his senses and ambushed his mother who had just returned from the market.

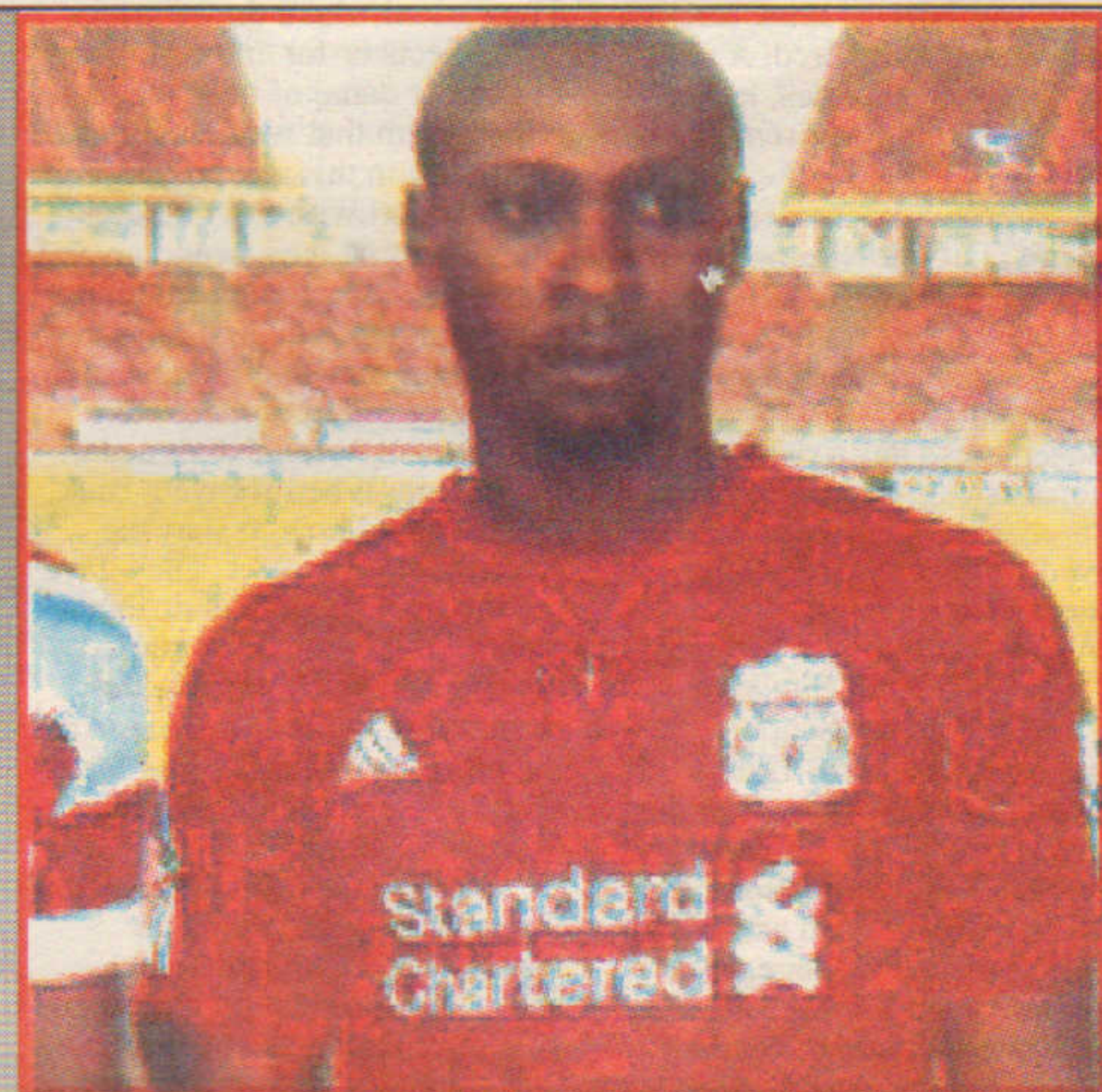
An eyewitness who pleaded anonymity said the deceased had returned from Afor Adike market on the fateful day and noticed that there was no food in the house, and as such sent her last child to buy her N30 bread. While she was waiting for the bread, Tonna allegedly went behind her and hit her with an iron as a result of which she fell and died on the spot.

"On noticing that his father was about using law enforcement

agents to arrest him and curb his nefarious activities, Tonna ran back to his mother who in turn, confronted her divorced husband on why he wanted to arrest her son with the police. It was at that point that Tonna was sponsored to travel to Abaju by his mother apparently to escape police arrest", a family member had disclosed.

One of the half brothers of the suspect who gave his name as Chino said "my mother married Mr. Godwin Ene-do from Obosi in 1984 as I was told. Later, they divorced and my mother got married to my father who is from Ehamufu in Enugu State. I am aware that Tonna went to Abuja through my mother's sponsorship, but to my chagrin, one of my friends called me to inform me that my elder brother was behaving abnormally that he was behaving like an insane person and when I heard this, I drove to Abuja and on sighting him, he was already insane and I succeeded in bringing him home".

After he was brought back from Abuja, the suspect was said to have called his father and told him that he was going to be the



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richest man in Africa, claiming

that his ambition could only be achieved only when he had killed his father.

Scared by this, Mr. Godwin Ene-do, according to sources within his family engaged some youths and Tonna was arrested and taken to a prayer house (names withheld) and after some weeks, his mother (the deceased) allegedly went and influenced his release on the condition that her son was not insane.

"Several times, our brother has taken Tonna to the prayer house but his mother never allowed him to stay there and today, instead of him killing our

brother, the opposite is what is on ground", a family source stated.

When this reporter visited Mr. Tony Ekwerekwu who is the younger brother to the deceased, he declined comment but stated that all he needed to do was to make sure that Tonna is released from the police so that he will go back and accomplish his evil ambition on the paternal side.

The corpse of the deceased had since been deposited at St Edward's mortuary while the case had been transferred to the Homicide Department at the Criminal Investigation Bureau, SCIB, Awka for further investigation.