

Man, 80, killed over alleged witchcraft

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A middle-aged man, Onyekachi (surname withheld) has been arrested by the police in Ebonyi State for allegedly killing an 80-year-old man, Mr. Nkwuda Igwe in Nsokara Community in Ezza South Local Government Area of the state.

Igwe was allegedly killed with an axe by

the suspect, who alleged that his pastor told him that the victim was behind his misfortunes

A family source told Daily Sun that the suspect went to the residence of the deceased and begged him to escort him somewhere and the elderly man followed him. His lifeless body was later found in a nearby bush in the area.

The source said after killing the man, the suspect was arrested by the youths of the

area who forced him to carry the corpse before policemen were invited to stop the youths from lynching him.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Sylvester Igbo, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), who confirmed the incident, said the suspect had been arrested by the police divisional station at Onueke for possible transfer to the police headquarters in Abakaliki.

Igbo noted that the deceased had a lin-

gering land dispute with the family of the suspect but noted that the killing was not connected with the dispute. He said the corpse had been deposited at the hospital in Onueke for autopsy.

The PPRO, however, warned the citizens of the state not to take laws into their hands, urging that aggrieved persons should report matters to the police or take the case to the court instead of resorting to violence.